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The Williamson County Purchasing Department has been awarded the prestigious 26th Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® (AEP) for 2021 from the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI). The AEP Award is earned by public and non-profit agencies that demonstrate a commitment to procurement excellence. This annual program recognizes procurement organizations that embrace Innovation, Professionalism, Productivity, Leadership and e-Procurement.

The AEP program encourages the development of excellence as well as continued organizational improvement to earn the award annually.

For 2021, there were 181 successful applicants including 64 cities, 41 counties, 36 special districts, 19 school districts, 12 higher education agencies, 7 state or provincial agencies and 2 others.

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