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DGS wins national award for innovation for mobile applications to support statewide electronic procurement program, eVA

Richmond, VA – The Department of General Services recently was awarded the nation’s top prize for innovative state procurement programs for its mobile applications supporting eVA, the Commonwealth’s electronic procurement system.

The National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) presented the George Cronin Award for Procurement Excellence to the department’s Division of Purchases and Supply on Sept. 9 at the organization’s national conference in Burlington, Vermont.

Virginia was recognized for its two enterprise eProcurement mobile apps _ *eVA Mobile 4 Business* and *eVA Mobile 4 Approvers* _ which puts state, local and higher education bidding processes directly at the fingertips of users and gives business unit approvers real-time access to approve requisitions. These apps provide a fast, secure and easy way to conduct thorough reviews of solicitations and keep purchase processes moving from the convenience of any mobile device.

Since its inception in 2001, eVA has generated over \$338 million in savings for the reduced cost of goods and services through 4.7 million purchase orders. From paper clips to complex consulting services, to vehicles and everything in between, state agencies, local governments and institutes of higher education have the capability to use eVA to buy all of the goods and services needed to help keep government operating.

“The Commonwealth and local governments have been saving money through the use of eVA for more than a decade, and our mobile apps have made it easier than ever for that to happen,” said Richard F. Sliwoski, director of the Department of General Services. “Through eVA and all of the services provided by DGS, we will continue to seek out new technology to make it more efficient and cost effective for government to do business.”

Nominations were judged on innovation and initiative, proven cost reduction and other factors. Virginia took home the gold award, followed by California and Tennessee among a field of 22 submissions from 16 states.

“The effort to develop and make this mobile application available to all eVA system users across the Commonwealth _ as well as to businesses _ and then be selected and recognized for this prestigious national award reflects great credit on the individuals who are part of this world-class eVA procurement organization and all department staff who assisted this effort, as well as tremendous credit for the Commonwealth,” said Robert Gleason, director of the Division of Purchases and Supply for the Virginia Department of General Services. “Its innovative technology speeds up the procurement process and opens up greater opportunities to give all businesses, including small and emerging micro businesses, new contracting possibilities with state government _ as well as with all institutions of higher education _ and local governments desiring to support the Commonwealth. These apps can truly level the playing field for anyone seeking to do business with the Commonwealth.”

The George Cronin Award for Procurement Excellence is recognized as a premier achievement for innovative public procurement. The award, which is named after the founder and first president of the NASPO, has been given since 1985 to recognize groundbreaking state procurement programs and to promote the sharing of ideas between states.

NASPO is a nonprofit organization made up of the directors of the central purchasing offices in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States.

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