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DGS' eVA mobile apps recognized nationally as decade's most innovative procurement initiative

~ National trade organization honors Virginia with Cronin Heritage Award for first-in-the-nation mobile applications ~

ATLANTA – The Department of General Services announced today that its mobile applications to support the Commonwealth's electronic procurement system, eVA, recently were recognized as the most innovative procurement initiative of the past decade.

The National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) presented the department's Division of Purchases and Supply (DPS) with the special, one-time Cronin Heritage Award on October 8 at the organization's national conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

In honor of the 40th anniversary of NASPO's George Cronin Awards program, the organization asked its members to select the past Cronin Gold Award winner they felt embodied the most innovative of the decade. They chose DPS, which won the Cronin Gold Award in 2014 for its two mobile apps, eVA Mobile 4 Business and eVA Mobile 4 Approvers. The eVA Mobile 4 Business app brings bid opportunities and solicitations to suppliers and the general public, giving them immediate, real-time access to thousands of business opportunities published every year, while providing increased visibility into how state government spends taxpayer dollars. eVA Mobile for Approvers provides public procurement officials real-time access to approve requisitions and keep purchase processes moving from the convenience of any mobile device.

“Virginia has long been recognized as a national leader in procurement innovation,” said **Chris Beschler, Director of the Department of General Services**. “The apps provide real-time access in a mobile world to information on what Virginia is buying and from whom, as

well as providing up-to-the-minute information to vendors about opportunities to do business with the Commonwealth.”

“The department is honored to have been recognized by its peers for such a prestigious award,” said **Sandra Gill, Interim Director of the Division of Purchases and Supply**. “Since DPS received the Cronin Award for the apps in 2014, we have continued to enhance their functionality, including adding B2B Connect and other features that encourage partnerships in procurement opportunities.”

Since its inception in 2001, eVA has been recognized as the nation’s leading electronic procurement system, transforming the way state and local governments buy goods and services, dramatically improving transparency of what government buys, and delivering over \$40 million in savings annually to state agencies, universities and localities.

The George Cronin Award program, named after NASPO’s founder and first president, recognizes groundbreaking state procurement programs. 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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