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Sonya Collins
Chief Procurement Officer
Great Lakes Water Authority
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Dear Sonya,

Thank you for submitting for NIGP's Agency Advancement Award, created in 2020 to recognize procurement agencies who have excelled at implementing a procurement-related program or process improvement within their organization.

As is usually the case, the NIGP Awards Task Force received several submissions for the 2023 award and this year's evaluation process was strenuous. The Task Force, comprised of several Member Council Representatives, was very impressed with the cumulative contributions of so many leaders – like you – who have demonstrated their commitment to the mission of NIGP and our public procurement profession.

We are pleased to announce that your agency received an honorable mention for your submittal. Enclosed is a certificate you can display for your accomplishment. It has been an unprecedented year and your dedication to public service has never been more important. All of us at NIGP appreciate and applaud all that you have accomplished!

The NIGP Member Council would like to thank you for continuing to develop, support and promote your agency's advancement in public procurement. We encourage you to consider submitting an application next year. Your talents and passion make a significant difference!

Sincerely,

Amy C. Flack

Amy Flack, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB
NIGP Member Council

Agency Advancement Award

2023 Honorable Mention Certificate is awarded to

Great Lakes Water Authority

For excelling at implementing a procurement-related program/process
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