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News Release

Cheryl Wright Earns Certified Public Procurement Officer Credential

January 2, 2014, Monroe, NC – Union County Procurement Manager Cheryl Wright has earned the credential of Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC).

Wright was among 130 professionals who successfully completed the CPPO examination held in October. Established in 1964, this prestigious certification is an outstanding honor for individuals employed in the public procurement profession and is an asset to their specific division of governmental administration.

“Earning a professional certification designation in our industry goes a long way in ensuring trust and credibility in the public procurement process,” said Carol Wilson, president of the National Association of State Procurement Officials. “Cheryl’s achievement of this designation reflects commitment to the profession as well as knowledge and experience that supports best practices.”

To date, 2,439 procurement professionals have achieved this accomplished status. To become certified as a CPPO, candidates must demonstrate through an application process that they meet specific requisites established by the UPPCC; including formal education, procurement related coursework and training, public procurement experience and functional management experience. A comprehensive written examination is required to confirm the candidate’s mastery of the body of knowledge for public procurement professionals. The CPPO recognizes only those professionals who have fulfilled these prescribed standards of competency in public procurement.

“Public procurement professionals at the federal, state and local levels are responsible for the appropriate expenditure of more than \$4.85 trillion in public funds or 38.5 percent of the United States Gross Domestic Product,” said Norma Hall, chair of the UPPCC Governing Board. “It is critical that public buyers and managers demonstrate to stakeholders their integrity, credibility, knowledge and the skills necessary to carry out the job they have been entrusted to do. Public procurement certification offered through UPPCC demonstrates that individuals obtaining the CPPO certification possess the knowledge, skills and abilities required to promote public trust.”

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