



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

It is imperative that a government of the people, by the people, for the people be open and transparent, and we must never forget that all public servants ultimately work on behalf of the people. As stewards of taxpayers' hard-earned money, these employees must prove themselves worthy of the trust that Texans have bestowed upon them, and they can do so by exercising sound judgment and upholding the highest ethical and professional standards.

This applies in principle to every government employee, but it is particularly apparent in our procurement professionals, who allocate government resources judiciously and acquire necessary goods and services in a cost-effective manner. By so doing, they enable our state to fulfill its essential duties, and their work impacts virtually every facet of public life—from education and transportation to health and human services.

Consummate professionals, procurement officers engage in cost-effective practices, embrace fiscal responsibility, and maintain unimpeachable standards of conduct. The occupation requires financial acumen, adept interpersonal communication skills, and fastidious attention to detail. Moreover, procurement officers function as an intermediary between government and industry, and through negotiation, they are able to mutually benefit all stakeholders and strategic partners. To maximize the utility of our tax dollars, procurement professionals must engage in robust market research, maintain competitive bid practices, and monitor state contracts.

Each year, professional organizations and government entities set aside a month to recognize public procurement professionals for their commitment to excellence and efficiency in government purchasing. At this time, I encourage all Texans to educate themselves about government procurement professionals and to celebrate their many significant accomplishments. Time and again, they prove that our state's greatest asset lies within the people who call it home.

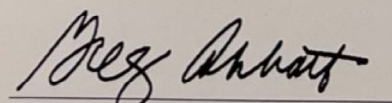
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 2023 to be

Procurement Month

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
1st day of March, 2023.




Governor of Texas