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**Oakland Housing Authority  
Contract Compliance and General Services Department  
Receives National Award**

*OHA is Sole Housing Authority Award Recipient in State*

OAKLAND, Calif., December 7, 2007 – The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) Contract Compliance and General Services Department (CCGS) is being recognized as a national leader in procurement services, and has been awarded the 2007 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award, sponsored by the National Purchasing Institute (NPI), the California Association of Public Purchasing Officers (CAPPO), the Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers (FAPPO), the Institute of Supply Management (ISM), the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), and the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP).

The award is given to organizations that demonstrate excellence in procurement by obtaining a high score from a list of standardized criteria. Some of the rating criteria ask if the agency has a procurement manual, does it offer vendor training, and does it have on-line vendor registration. There are 19 rating categories on the criteria list. The program measures innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity and leadership attributes of the agency's procurement function.

“This award reflects the hard work and dedication of the entire CCGS team,” said Stephen Knight, OHA's Director of Finance who also oversees CCGS. “This is an award-winning team, and I am proud of each and every member.”

A total of 177 agencies were recognized for procurement excellence, with only three housing authorities nationwide chosen as award recipients. OHA was the sole winning housing authority in the state and will be honored at CAPPO's 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference and Supplier Exposition in Newport Beach, Calif., in February 2008.

The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) is the City of Oakland's state-chartered and federally funded agency to promote the availability of quality housing for low-income persons. OHA works to promote the civic involvement and economic self-sufficiency of its residents and to further the expansion of affordable housing within Oakland. The Authority is currently helping to house 14,000 of the city's lowest income families. ([www.oakha.org](http://www.oakha.org))