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CITY CONTRACT OFFICER NAMED BUYER OF THE YEAR

The City of Tucson's Department of Procurement is proud to announce that Dan Longanecker, CPPB, principal contract officer has received the Buyer of the Year award issued by the NIGP (The Institute for Public Procurement) Copper Chapter of Southern Arizona. Longanecker also was named as a finalist for the National Buyer of Year Award by NIGP. The award recognizes professional accomplishment, expertise, and contribution to both the profession and the department.

"Dan is an extremely valuable asset to our organization. He is well respected by his peers for his wisdom, dedication and knowledge in his field. He is an excellent team player and provides a high degree of customer service to his clients," said Director of Procurement Marcheta Gillespie. "He has handled some of our most complex procurements, including the Ronstadt Transit Center, the Lighting Retrofit project and the Energy Management project."

Longanecker has been with the City's Department of Procurement for 12 years and 17 years overall with the City. A graduate of the University of Arizona, Longanecker has served in various board and committee positions for the NIGP Copper Chapter.

The NIGP Copper Chapter of Southern Arizona is a nonprofit chapter of approximately 70 government procurement professionals in the region. This award recognizes significant contributions to the procurement profession. The Copper Chapter is one of more than 70 chapters in NIGP, an international, membership-based nonprofit organization providing support to the public procurement profession.

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