



## City of Clermont

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Procurement Department Wins Fifth Award in Excellence

**CLERMONT** (Aug. 30, 2021) – The City of Clermont’s Procurement Department earned its fifth award for excellence.

The Procurement Department has been awarded the prestigious 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) for 2021 from the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI).



“The City of Clermont’s mission statement includes providing exceptional services to our residents.” Interim City Manager Scott Davidoff said. “Our Procurement Department continues to uphold that mission and show why our staff are Champions too.”

The AEP Award is earned by public and non-profit agencies that demonstrate a commitment to procurement excellence. Criteria includes innovation, professionalism, productivity, leadership and e-procurement. The City of Clermont is one of only 182 agencies in the United States and Canada and one of only 64 cities to receive the award.



*Pictured from left is Procurement Coordinator Jinelle Lugo, Procurement Services Director Freddy Suarez and Senior Procurement Agent Ramsey Jimenez.*

“We’re happy to have the opportunity to earn this award again,” City of Clermont Procurement Director Freddy Suarez said. “I’m proud of staff and the city’s accomplishments as we serve our residents.”

The Procurement Services Department is responsible for the procurement of all goods and services in a manner that is ethical, impartial, open, fair, honest, and in accordance with policies, procedures and laws. The department administers all requests for bids and proposals.

The department has previously won this award in 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2020. They did not apply for the award in 2017 or 2019.

Learn more about the City of Clermont’s Procurement Department at <https://bit.ly/ClermontProcurement>.

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**About the City of Clermont.** Clermont, Fla., is known as the Choice of Champions® due to its international reputation as a training ground for elite athletes and the community's celebration of the championship spirit. Founded in 1884 as a model town, the city of 44,000 is about 20 miles west of Orlando and is set among picturesque hills and pristine lakes. Clermont is the largest city in Lake County. More at [www.ClermontFL.gov](http://www.ClermontFL.gov).