



**LETTER TO THE COMMISSION**

**LTC No: 26-043**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission  
**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*  
**DATE:** February 23, 2026  
**SUBJECT: Procurement Services Department Recognized with the  
2026 Florida Association Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO)  
Award of Excellence in Public Procurement**

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission that the City of Fort Lauderdale's Procurement Services Department has been awarded the **2026 Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO) Award of Excellence in Public Procurement**, a prestigious statewide recognition honoring organizations that demonstrate outstanding achievement and leadership in public procurement.

The Award of Excellence in Public Procurement recognizes procurement agencies that meet or exceed rigorous benchmarks and nationally recognized best practices within the procurement profession. Participating agencies are evaluated through a comprehensive scoring process measuring innovation, operational effectiveness, professionalism, technology and e-procurement practices, productivity, and leadership within the public sector purchasing function.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is one (1) of only twenty-five (25) public agencies statewide to receive this distinction, underscoring the City's continued commitment to transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of public funds. The recognition reflects the department's role in supporting critical City initiatives by ensuring fair competition, delivering value to taxpayers, and enabling departments to efficiently procure the goods and services necessary to provide high-quality municipal services to our community.

A commemorative trophy will be presented to the City in recognition of this achievement, and FAPPO plans to acknowledge City staff attending the 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show to be held May 3 - 6, 2026, in Orlando, FL.

Please join me in congratulating the Procurement Services Department on this significant accomplishment. Their professionalism, expertise, and dedication—often performed behind the scenes—serve as a foundational element in advancing City projects, supporting operational excellence, and helping the City of Fort Lauderdale deliver on its mission to serve residents, businesses, and visitors.

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