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**Creighton University** has been awarded the prestigious 16th Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award (AEP) for 2011 from the National Purchasing Institute (NPI). The award recognizes organizational excellence in procurement by measuring innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function. AEP awardees obtain a high score on a rating of standardized criteria. For 2011, there were 177 successful applicants, including 41 counties, 57 cities, 20 higher education agencies, 17 school districts, 26 special districts, and 16 state agencies.

In addition to NPI, the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award is sponsored by the California Association of Public Procurement Officers (CAPPO), Florida Association of Public Procurement Officers (FAPPO), the Institute for Supply Management (ISM), the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), and the Texas Public Purchasing Association (TxPPA).

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