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Department of Administration Procurement, Risk Management Programs Recognized

Madison – The Department of Administration was recently recognized by two national associations for excellence in the areas of procurement and risk management.

The DOA State Bureau of Procurement received national recognition for two initiatives nominated for the George Cronin Award for Procurement Excellence presented by the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO). The two Wisconsin initiatives were among the five finalists that emerged from nominations submitted by state procurement programs across the nation.

Jason Gates, Director of the DOA Bureau of State Risk Management, was elected President of the State Risk and Insurance Management Association (STRIMA). STRIMA, the national organization of state government risk and insurance managers, promotes the advancement of risk management principles and practices in the public sector.

“We continuously strive to obtain the best value for state taxpayers,” said Secretary Neitzel. “We are pleased hear that the State Bureau of Procurement and Jason are being recognized by their peers across the nation for the innovation and commitment they bring to their profession and the citizens of Wisconsin.”

Wisconsin’s Information Technology (IT) Playbook took the Silver Cronin Award for educating procurement and technology professionals on best practices in contracting for IT services and products. The State Bureau of Procurement Negotiations Class, a seminar for procurement practitioners, was a Cronin national finalist. The IT Playbook and Negotiations Class nominations were presented at the NASPO national conference in Minneapolis by Sara Redford and Andrea Welch, respectively, of the State Bureau of Procurement.

Mr. Gates has served as the State of Wisconsin’s top risk manager since 2014. His responsibilities include managing the State’s self-funded insurance programs for worker’s compensation, property and liability as well as statewide loss control and safety. He has nearly 20 years’ experience working in risk management in both the public and private sector.

Information on DOA risk management and procurement programs is available at www.doa.state.wi.us.

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