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WICOMICO COUNTY 'S PURCHASING AGENT, NICHOLAS W. RICE, EARNS CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC BUYER (CPPB) ACCREDITATION

Nicholas Rice, Purchasing Agent for Wicomico County, was recently notified by the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) that he has earned the Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) accreditation.

Being among eighty-two professionals who successfully completed the CPPB examination held last spring, Rice was informed he now holds this esteemed accreditation that was initially established in 1979 as a professional certificate program. The certifiable program expanded in 1991 to a full-scale certification and holds a respected honor for individuals employed in the public procurement profession and is an asset to their specific division of government.

To become CPPB certified, a candidate must demonstrate through an application process, that he/she meets specific requisites established by the UPPCC; including formal education, procurement-related coursework/training and public procurement experience. A comprehensive written examination is required to confirm a candidate's mastery of a variety of public procurement concepts. The CPPB certification recognizes only those professionals who have fulfilled these prescribed standards of competency.

To date, 10,283 procurement professionals have achieved this accomplished status. For a complete listing of CPPB certified individuals and for additional information on qualifications, please visit the UPPCC website, uppcc.org.

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