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### **NICHOLAS W. RICE, WICOMICO COUNTY'S PURCHASING AGENT EARNS CERTIFIED PUBLIC PROCUREMENT OFFICER (CPPO) CREDENTIAL**

Nicholas was recently notified by the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) that he has earned the Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) credential.

Nicholas was among 35 professionals who successfully completed the CPPO examination held in October 2021. The highly coveted Certified Public Procurement Officer® (CPPO®) and Certified Professional Public Buyer® (CPPB®) credentials, are recognized throughout the public procurement profession and demonstrate an individual's comprehensive mastery of public procurement competencies.

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

To date, 3,020 procurement professionals have achieved this accomplished status. For a complete listing of CPPO certified individuals and for additional information on qualifications, please visit the UPPCC website, [uppcc.org](http://uppcc.org).