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Purchasing Officers
All State Departments, Institutions,
Universities, and Community Colleges.

Dear Colleagues:

The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and the Institute for Supply Management have designated March 2007 as "Purchasing Month" and "Supply Management Month," respectively, with the themes "Helping Build Better Business and Government" and "Supply Management: Maximizing Opportunity, Managing Risk".

In keeping with these themes, I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for your hard work and your efforts in helping to make Government better. As purchasers, you know what difficulties we face and how vital our services are to Government. Our contributions provide efficiencies and professional leadership, which are critical to the fiscal and operational success of government as well as the private sector.

Please join me in promoting our services and the overall purchasing profession, not just during Purchasing Month, but henceforth. Don't be afraid to let your organizations (and outsiders) know how important purchasing is to the overall success of the organization. You may want to even advertise or post signs that promote purchasing. We need to do a better job of selling or marketing our professions and our services. I hope you will take this opportunity to give yourselves the appreciation and recognition you deserve.

Celebrate and enjoy Purchasing Month!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Mangum".

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