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The Desert Southwest Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) has named Crane Elementary School District No. 13 employee Kimberly Ann Polyhronakis as 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up for Buyer of the Year. Kimberly was presented a plaque and certificate at an awards ceremony on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Kimberly was nominated for a combination of her contributions to the chapter her employer and the purchasing profession.

Not long after Kimberly became employed by the Crane School District, she recognized a need to improve the service to the internal customer. Kimberly worked with a supplier to create a workflow system to ensure that dollars are spent both according to contract specifications and against the appropriate purchase order or site. It was a flawless transition, and one that is continually praised by the customers. Kimberly also recognized the need for additional training to be provided to these same customers. This person scheduled multiple opportunities for the internal customers to get a better understanding of how to use the equipment that had been assigned to them. Again the feedback has been very positive, and several have asked for more training opportunities.

Kimberly continually strives to offer the best service possible, and is a credit to the profession and a valuable member of the Desert Southwest Chapter of NIGP.

Members of the Desert Southwest Chapter of NIGP include the City of Yuma, City of Somerton, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Crane Elementary School District #131, Arizona Western College and the Yuma Educational Materials Management Consortium.



Vice President, Robin R. Wilson (left), awards incoming Treasurer Kimberly Ann Polyhronakis the Chapter's Runner Up for Buyer of the Year Award at the Annual Installation of Officers Dinner on April 30, 2009.

