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National Procurement Group Names Local Resident Most Effective Contracting Officer

NEW YORK CITY - The Coalition for Government Procurement, an advocacy group supporting common sense approaches to government contracting programs, recently selected **Queens, NY resident Robert Woodside** for one of the organization's 2009 Excellence in Partnership Awards. The Coalition named Woodside, a 20-year employee of the U.S. General Services Administration's Federal Acquisition Service, this year's Most Effective Contracting Officer. Woodside accepted the honor award at a dinner held recently in Washington, D.C.

Woodside is a branch chief with the Federal Acquisition Service in GSA's Northeast and Caribbean Region headquartered in New York City, where he heads a group of 16 contracting officers and specialists. The FAS offices in New York have a multi-billion dollar procurement responsibility, contracting for a wide range of products and services for use by GSA's federal agency customers.

The Coalition's Most Effective Contracting Officer award is given annually to a GSA official who has demonstrated the efficient management of contracts under his or her administration. It recognizes the timeliness of contract awards, the prompt addition of new solutions and products, and the ability to respond effectively and accurately to both contractor and customer questions.

Woodside's award specifically notes his outstanding record of expanding the services offered through GSA's Multiple Award Schedules program as well as his work promoting and ensuring the efficient and timely management of contracts within his area of responsibility.

The Coalition for Government Procurement, founded in 1979, established the Excellence in Partnership Awards program ten years ago to honor those individuals who have made great strides in promoting and effectively using GSA's contracting programs. The Coalition's member companies represent 70% of all commercial services and products sold to the federal government each year.

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