




LEGACY PROJECT


Cochise County
Procurement Department

History



Until July 1, 2007 Cochise County Procurement was a division reporting to the County Finance Department and for the most part was decentralized. In April of 2005, Cochise County retained the services of NIGP's Procurement Management Assistance Program (PMAP) to perform an analysis of the then current Purchasing Division to determine whether the division should be centralized, eliminated or remain decentralized under the Finance Department. As a result of the analysis, it was recommended that the Procurement Division become a centralized Department reporting directly to the County Administrator. During the budget hearings for fiscal year 2007-08, the Board of Supervisors recognized the need for a centralized Procurement Department and authorized the reorganization of the Purchasing Division to become its own department reporting directly to the County Administrator. The Purchasing Manager position was reclassified to a department head status and changed to Procurement Director.

In preparation for procurement to become a centralized department, the Procurement Policy, was rewritten and adopted by the Cochise County Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2006 under resolution 06-129. Since the process for procurement to become a department, no longer reporting to Finance, was approved through the adoption of the budget, there was never a stand alone resolution passed to acknowledge procurement becoming a fully centralized department other than by the resolution amending the Procurement Policy to reflect centralized procurement.



The Cochise County Procurement Department is governed by the Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 11 - Counties, Chapter 2 - Boards of Supervisors, Article 4 - Powers and Duties and Title 41 - Chapter 23 - Arizona Procurement Code.