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Purchasing Manager Sandy Bradley has earned recognition from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) by receiving the Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) credential. Bradley was among 56 professionals nationwide who completed the CPPO exam in May. This certification is an honor bestowed on individuals employed in the public procurement profession.

The certification was established in 1964. To date, 2,009 purchasing professionals have achieved the certification. To become certified, an applicant must meet specific requisites, including formal education, procurement-related coursework/training, public purchasing experience and functional management experience. There is also a comprehensive written exam.

Bradley, who has been employed with the City of Burleson as purchasing manager since September of 2005, is one of four Texans who earned the CPPO certification in May 2011. The other honorees work in North Richland Hills and El Paso.

The City of Burleson's purchasing division is responsible for assuring fair and equitable treatment to all vendors without regard to political pressure; contracting for all repairs to property; purchasing supplies, materials, and equipment; and supervising all purchases made through competitive bids

The UPPC was jointly established in 1978 by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and the National Association of State Procurement Officers to independently administer certification and promote procurement professionalism in the public sector.