Orange County’s James Burpoe Appointed to Statewide Purchasing Advisory Committee

July 26, 2013 -- The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) today announced the appointment of Orange County Commissioner of General Services James Burpoe to the NYS Advisory Board of U.S. Communities, a national purchasing cooperative that is designed to provide lower cost and best value products and services for local governments throughout the country.

“Commissioner Burpoe is an expert in purchasing at the municipal level and we are fortunate to have his talents and expertise on this advisory board,” said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario.

NYSAC has endorsed the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (U.S. Communities) as another tool to reduce the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities is the leading national government purchasing cooperative, providing world class government procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education institutes, and nonprofits looking for the best overall government pricing.

“Commissioner Burpoe has modernized the way we buy programs and services in Orange County. Our centralized purchasing model has saved us millions of dollars and now serves as a best practice for other local governments,” said Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana, president of NYSAC.

Orange County has also been working with local governments and school districts in the county to increase their collective purchasing power, effectively lowering the costs for products, services and energy used by several of the neighboring municipalities.

“Purchasing directors at the local level constantly strive to get more for the tax dollar. U.S. Communities provides a great marketplace to maximize our purchasing power and I’m pleased to serve in this advisory capacity,” said Commissioner Burpoe.

“U.S. Communities provides a win-win solution in New York – a win for taxpayers and a win for local governments,” said Chris Mellis, of U.S. Communities.” Jim Burpoe and NYSAC have both been instrumental in helping us create a footprint in New York. Their knowledge and expertise continue to be valuable in helping counties save money on products and services.”

The New York State Association of Counties is a bipartisan municipal association serving the counties of New York State including the City of New York. Organized in 1925, NYSAC’s mission is to represent, educate and advocate for member counties and the thousands of elected and appointed county officials who serve the public.

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