

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 20, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **City of Dallas Selected for Leading City Procurement Reform Program**

I am excited to announce that the City of Dallas was one of 16 cities selected for the Leading City Procurement Reform program. The Bloomberg Center for Cities, in partnership with Harvard University's Government Performance Lab, offered this groundbreaking new program for city leaders. Last week, Dallas sent a team composed of Danielle Thompson, Director of Procurement Services, RaKeba Gordon, Assistant Director of Procurement Services, and Clifton Gillespie, Assistant Director of Sanitation to the kick-off program at the Harvard Kennedy School campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

As a central focus of the program, each city identified a pressing challenge related to procurement that it wanted to resolve. The City's chosen challenge revolved around improving the outcomes of procurement services through improved acquisition planning efforts. The Dallas team spent an intensive four days with Harvard faculty and the other selected cities to identify a solution to the challenge and to strengthen their capacity to lead, drive change, and implement reforms to make procurement more innovative, efficient, results-driven, and equitable.

The program will continue through August, with additional virtual content to complement the in-person session. This experience brought the Dallas team diverse perspectives, resources, and expertise from other city government officials.

Thank you for supporting our continued innovation in procurement. If you have any questions, please contact me or Danielle Thompson, Director of the Office of Procurement Services.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Elizabeth Reich".

M. Elizabeth Reich
Chief Financial Officer

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