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This prestigious award is earned by those organizations that demonstrate excellence by obtaining a high score based on standardized criteria. The criteria measure innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes of the procurement organization.

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