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Richard Pennington Wins NASPO 2009 Giulio Mazzone Distinguished Service Award

The National Association of State Procurement Officials (“NASPO”) awarded its highest distinction to Life Member Richard Pennington at its Annual Conference on September 24, 2009 in Lake Tahoe, NV. Mr. Pennington is the 22nd recipient of the Giulio Mazzone Distinguished Service Award.

As the Chief Procurement Official for the State of Colorado, Richard Pennington was an active NASPO member, serving as chair of the Western States Contracting Alliance (“WSCA”) and as a NASPO Executive Board member. Following his departure to the private sector, Richard has continued to serve the organization as a valuable resource by presenting on terms and conditions and IT Procurement at several conferences. Mr. Pennington also assisted with the publication of the 2008 NASPO resource “[Emergency Preparedness for State Procurement Officials](#)”. He was awarded NASPO Life Membership in 2008. Most recently Richard chaired the 2009 NASPO Research and Publications Committee, which oversaw the development and issuance of the [2009 NASPO Survey of State Purchasing Practices](#). He was recently named a fellow to the American Bar Foundation and is an active member of the American Bar Association, serving as a liaison between NASPO and the Public Contract Law Section and as a member of the State and Local Government Procurement Division.

The Distinguished Service Award Program was established in 1982 to recognize continuing exemplary service to the public purchasing profession. In 1994 the award was renamed for Giulio Mazzone, NASPO member from New Jersey, former NASPO President and the seventh recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Additional information about the award can be found on the NASPO website (<http://www.naspo.org/content.cfm/id/mazzone>).

A Committee made up of former Mazzone Award winners meets yearly to identify and evaluate candidates in recognition of continuing exemplary service to the public purchasing profession. A winner is not chosen every year. NASPO would like to thank and honor Richard Pennington for his dedication to the association and the profession.

The National Association of State Procurement Officials is a non-profit association dedicated to strengthening the procurement community through education, research, and communication. It is made up of the directors of the central purchasing offices in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States. NASPO is an organization through which the member purchasing officials provide leadership in professional public purchasing, improve the quality of purchasing and procurement, exchange information and cooperate to attain greater efficiency and economy. For more information, please visit the NASPO website at www.naspo.org.