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## Certification Updates

Congratulations to all of you who successfully completed your Georgia Certified Purchasing Associate (GCPA) designation by the December 15 deadline! This was quite an achievement while undertaking day-to-day job responsibilities. Many positive comments have come from those who achieved their certifications, but one of the most common themes is that certified procurement professionals achieved a greater confidence in their abilities to perform their jobs while broadening their professional knowledge through the coursework.

Our office recently ran a report on the total number of certifications/certificates that were achieved over the past two years and discovered that 127 certifications/certificates were completed for FY11 and 249 certifications/certificates were completed for FY12 (as of January 24, 2012). These numbers include GCPA, GCPCA (Georgia Certified Purchasing Card Administrator), and RFP certificates.

While these numbers are very impressive, we realize there are still a lot of procurement professionals who can benefit by completing one or more of the certification programs. The Georgia Procurement Certification Program helps to ensure that agencies and universities can retain and develop purchasing professionals who understand and apply leading practices. Additionally, these purchasers can perform procurement duties in accordance with Georgia's established administrative rules and procedures for using the state's tools and applications.

We would like to encourage those who have already started their certification path to continue enrolling for needed courses/exams. For those who have not yet begun, please take time to visit the training information located on the [State Purchasing website](#).

For those procurement professionals who are interested in recertifying, information can be found in the [State Purchasing Division \(SPD\) Georgia Procurement Certification Program](#) document on page 12. Additional recertification questions can be directed to Donna File at [Donna.File@doas.ga.gov](mailto:Donna.File@doas.ga.gov).