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NEW STATE PURCHASING DIRECTOR SELECTED

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Department of Central Services (DCS) announced today that Sanford Shuster has been selected to replace retiring State Purchasing Director, Betty Cairns. Ms. Cairns has been employed by the Department since 1970 and served as Purchasing Director for the last four years.

"Sanford Shuster was selected from a highly competitive field of qualified applicants," said John Richard, Director of the Department of Central Services. "Sanford is a great fit for DCS and I am confident the State will quickly benefit from his expertise and vision for state procurement."

Shuster has over 17 years of executive experience leading procurement operations for large corporations, which include Solo Cup Company and Heinz North America. His competencies include procurement operations management, cost/pricing analysis and negotiation, strategic sourcing, centralization strategies and leveraging strategic partnerships.

"This year, the Governor and Legislature emphasized effective government procurement as a critical component of saving state dollars," said Richard. "Sanford Shuster will bring outstanding skills and experience to the DCS Central Purchasing Division, which is determined to achieve those savings."

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