

Mike Perry

Chief Procurement Officer

Mike Perry currently serves as the Chief Procurement Officer for the State of Tennessee and oversees the Central Procurement Office, a division of the Department of General Services (DGS). DGS provides operational support services to all other departments and agencies in Tennessee State Government.

Under Perry's leadership, the Central Procurement Office has received numerous awards and accolades, including the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) George A. Cronin Award for Procurement Excellence—Bronze in 2014, 2017, 2021, and 2022; and Gold in 2015 and 2016. They also received the Innovations in State Government Award for Collaborative Value Development in Procurement for the National Association of State Chief Administrators in 2017 and the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance Award for Excellence in Cooperative Purchasing in 2018. Additionally, six members of his team were recognized by EMAT (Emergency Management Association for Tennessee) for their efforts in support of the Tennessee Emergency Management Association's (TEMA) COVID mission.

Over the past 44 years, Perry has served the State of Tennessee in various roles. Before being appointed Chief Procurement Officer on July 1, 2013, Perry was the Deputy Chief Procurement Officer and served as an Assistant Commissioner for the Department of General Services beginning in May 2006. During that time, Perry was responsible for managing the Purchasing Division, Human Resources for the Department, and the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise.

He also served as the Department's Legislative Liaison and the Emergency Services Coordinator for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. Beginning in January 1992, Mike served as the Director of Postal Services. Before assuming that position, he worked for fourteen years in the Purchasing Division.

Perry is a 1974 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, a 1993 graduate of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute, and a 2014 graduate of LEAD Tennessee.

