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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **Susan Bruce named Director of Purchasing for City of New Bedford**

**New Bedford, Massachusetts-** Susan C. Bruce, an experienced procurement professional, has been named Director of Purchasing for the City of New Bedford.

Most recently, Ms. Bruce served as the Contract and Procurement Manager for the Town of Cohasset since 2015. She has also served as a procurement analyst and contract specialist for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and before that served as the City of Chelsea's Chief Procurement Officer, and as a procurement officer with the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Bruce has significant experience as a municipal procurement officer, coordinating and leading the procurement process to purchase goods and services, as well as managing procurement for municipal construction projects. She has extensive knowledge of state and municipal bidding and purchasing processes, as well as management experience in leading procurement departments.

A graduate of Suffolk University, Ms. Bruce holds certification as a Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"Susan Bruce is a highly experienced procurement officer, and given the complexity of state procurement law, her knowledge will serve New Bedford well," said Mayor Jon Mitchell. "We're pleased to have her join the administration."

"Susan is an experienced professional who has performed in the procurement role at both the local and state levels," said Chief Financial Officer Ari Sky. "Her experience and professional credentials made her a natural fit for New Bedford, and we're very happy to have her join our team."

The Director of Purchasing is a key member of the City of New Bedford's finance team and manages the City's Purchasing Department, reporting to the Chief Financial Officer. The Director oversees major purchases and negotiates contracts with vendors, responds to inquiries

regarding processes or bid status, negotiates terms and conditions with vendors and service providers, and provides support to the Chief Financial Officer in the development and implementation of citywide policies and procedures.

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