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### **LEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY MANAGER RECEIVES PURCHASING CERTIFICATIONS**

FORT MYERS, Fla. (June 13, 2008) – Sally Long, purchasing manager for the Lee County Port Authority, is the latest recipient of the Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) certification conferred by the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council (UPPCC). She also received certification from the State of Florida Division of State Purchasing as a Certified Contract Manager (FCCM).

The CPPB designation is an honor for individuals in the public purchasing profession who demonstrate a standard of competency, sound judgment and an asset to their specific division of governmental administration. Candidates are required to meet specific, rigorous criteria established by the UPPCC including training, experience and testing of the knowledge required for public purchasing professionals. The Council was jointly established in 1978 by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and the National Association of State Procurement Officials to independently administer certification and promote procurement professionalism in the public sector.

The FCCM designation was established by the State of Florida to develop and certify purchasing professionals who adhere to a code of ethical behavior and possess the knowledge, skills and ability to effectively manage government contracts in Florida, in a manner worthy of the public's trust.

Long is responsible for directing all Port Authority purchasing activities for Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field General Aviation Airport. She came to the Port Authority with an extensive 20-year background in governmental procurement and purchasing experience. Prior to her position at the Port Authority, she served as the contracts manager for the city of Fort Myers.

She is a member of the Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and the Airport Purchasing Group. Long received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Hodges University.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 8 million passengers in 2007 and ranks among the top 50 busiest airports in the United States. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. To learn more, visit [www.flylcpa.com](http://www.flylcpa.com).