

Thomas (Tom) Wester
Finance/Procurement Services

Thomas (Tom) Wester began working for Wake County in August 1984 as a Buyer. He was promoted to Purchasing Director in January 1986 and has served in that role since. During that span, he oversaw the transition from typewriter generated requisitions, purchase orders and bids to those created and processed using on-line software and systems. He has been a presenter at regional and national conferences and has provided training presentations, including classes at the Institute of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Tom was the first Wake County Procurement employee to earn the Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer certification and later the prestigious Lifetime Certification. During his career, Wake County received the Sustained Professional Purchasing Award for 17 consecutive years.

Also, Tom organized and oversaw the County's United Way Golf Tournament for 15 years, raising several thousand dollars each year in support of the Wake County Campaign.

Following 36 years of service to Wake County, Tom has decided to retire and spend time with family, two dogs and maybe the occasional round of golf.

Congratulations, Tom! Thank you for your dedicated service and enjoy your well-earned retirement.