

Procurement Housecleaning Reaps Mounds of Paper

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(Aug. 7, 2001) When employees in MTA Procurement realized, recently, that they were up to their ears in paper, they cleaned house. By the barrelful.

Their efforts, in fact, rid the department of more than 100 44-gallon barrels crammed with outdated documents, old memos, ancient files, expired contracts...you name it.

The department sponsored a contest and formed teams of employees who competed for a series of prizes: most barrels of paper discarded, oldest document found, most unusual document and the funniest file.

The Contract Administration team, whose members included George Eckert, Tessie Banaag, Fe Alcid-Little and Bruce Feerer, collected a winning 44 barrels of paper.

Connie Williams of Procurement Compliance found the oldest document – a contract record dating back to 1917. Tessie Banaag had the most unusual file, a contract between the defunct Rail Construction Corp. and the LA Clippers. Susan Knott's was judged the funniest file, while Contract Administration had the largest file.

Carted to the Headquarters basement by General Services, the discarded paper will be recycled, perhaps to reappear someday as – it could happen – another Procurement document!

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Accepting special awards for the Procurement cleanup were (from left) Jeanne Kinsel, Leyton Morgan, Tessie Banaag and Susan Knott.



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Susan Knott found this 1969 Santa Monica *Outlook* clipping among her files.