

GEP ACHIEVES TOP RANKING AS GLOBAL CONSULTING FIRM, SELECTED BY KENNEDY CONSULTING RESEARCH & ADVISORY / ALM INTELLIGENCE FOR VANGUARD HONORS IN PROCUREMENT CONSULTING

- **Kennedy / ALM Intelligence, well known for decades of research in the management consulting sector, named GEP a Vanguard Leader in the firm's new report**

CLARK, NJ – January 19, 2016 – GEP, a leading global provider of [procurement services](#) and [procurement software](#) to Fortune 500 and Global 2000 enterprises worldwide, announced it has achieved leadership ranking on the Kennedy / ALM Vanguard, a proprietary assessment tool featured in the firm's new research report, "Competitive Landscape Analysis: Sourcing & Procurement Consulting," part of its Strategy & Operations Consulting Research Series.

The report notes: "As an independent procurement-focused provider that combines management consulting with BPO and software offerings, GEP is uniquely positioned to advise clients across their procurement asset platform. The firm is adept at bringing to bear its category and transformation expertise to help clients deploy assets not for their own sakes but rather to achieve specific organizational, supply management, and process efficiency objectives."

The Vanguard recognition is the latest in a series of honors achieved by the rapidly expanding GEP, which is widely recognized by a broad range of independent third-parties – including research and advisory firms, industry analysts, industry and professional bodies, and industry media – as a leader in each of its three main business lines: strategic consulting, outsourced services and software (SaaS).

The report also underscores GEP's unique breadth and depth of expertise: "A true end-to-end procurement operations provider, GEP combines a dedicated [procurement consulting](#) offering with BPO and software services. Alongside its market-leading asset acumen, the firm is particularly strong in advising clients on improving their [procure-to-pay processes](#)."

A partial snapshot of the report featuring GEP is available for download here:
www.gep.com/gepvanguard

Kennedy Consulting Research & Advisory has been recently rebranded and is now known as ALM Intelligence, and Kennedy Vanguard is now the ALM Vanguard. The ALM Vanguard assesses consulting firms in a defined market on the basis of their relative breadth and depth of service capabilities, as well as their momentum in that market.

“Clients have come to rely on GEP for breakthrough thinking on regular basis,” said Jagadish Turimella, Chief Operating Officer & Head of Consulting at GEP. “The confidence we’ve earned is both a source of pride and humility. GEP people are passionate about their work, their clients and getting results.”

According to Turimella, a large measure of the firm’s rapid growth is a result of the high quality of people that GEP attracts to its teams, which has resulted in the firm’s reputation for both thought leadership and creative, effective problem solving.

ABOUT GEP

GEP is a diverse, creative team of people passionate about procurement. We invest ourselves entirely in our client’s success, creating strong collaborative relationships that deliver extraordinary value year after year. We deliver practical, effective procurement services and procurement technology that enable procurement leaders to maximize their impact on business operations, strategy and financial performance.

Honored as Best Supplier at this year’s EPIC Procurement Excellence Awards, GEP regularly wins accolades as both a provider of a broad range of procurement services and innovative procurement technology. Among its recent distinctions, GEP has been named Leader and Star Performer in Everest Group’s PEAK Matrix of Procurement Services Providers, Leader in NelsonHall’s NEAT Matrix of Global Procurement BPO Service Providers, Winner in the HfS Blueprint Report on Procurement Outsourcing Providers, Leader in the Kennedy / ALM Vanguard Report on Procurement Consulting, as well as one of Spend Matters 50 Companies to Know and to the Supply & Demand Chain Executive 100.

Clark, NJ-based GEP has 12 offices and operations centers in Europe, Asia and the Americas.

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