Dear Utah Chapter NIGP Members,

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We hope Spring and warmer weather are getting you excited for the summer and all of the fun activities that come with it. Many agencies are approaching the end of their fiscal years, and workloads can get heavier. Please take some time to rejuvenate your batteries.

Thanks to all of you for participating in our March NIGP meeting. We look forward to a Brown Bag Learning Series seminar on April 15th. We’ll meet again for a NIGP meeting on Thursday, May 20th. Please mark your calendars now to reserve the dates.

We are grateful to see COVID case numbers dropping in our state, and hope to see upcoming changes to state and local mandates that will allow us to meet with you again in person. If all goes well, we hope to see you in person this Fall.

The Chapter is starting a few new fundraising and educational initiatives that you will begin receiving information for soon. For those of you with a sweet tooth (or have loved ones that do), we will be having a See’s Candies fundraiser for Mother’s Day, or for your office just to give yourselves a chocolate break. Proceeds will go towards providing scholarships for the National NIGP Virtual Form this August, or to go towards NIGP-CPP, CPPB, or CPPO test fees and prep materials. We hope you will take a look and participate if you can.

In addition, the Chapter plans to host a few NIGP courses throughout the rest of the year. We are still working with the National Institute to secure dates and instructors, and hope to get course information out soon to all of you. These courses will have fees associated with them, and will provide you with either Competency Modules or a Core Certificate in the content areas as part of NIGP’s Pathways program. These will be held virtually and will be ½ day, 1- day or 2- day courses. Because these are held virtually, we are able to have participants from other states and/or countries participate with us. The Chapter will receive a percentage of the course fees back for each class member as a fundraiser. These funds will also be used to help fund scholarships for Forum or certification tests for chapter members. Please contact me at tonya.hodges@jordandistrict.org if you plan on taking the CPPB or CPPO test later this year, and which month you plan to take the test. We can consider hosting a prep course for these if there is enough interest.

We are happy to announce that a scholarship application period will be opening soon, and we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to apply, especially those of you whose agencies do not have the funds to pay for your tests or conference attendance. Forum is a great opportunity to learn new skills and come back with ideas for your organizations. The classes are well organized and a broad range of topics are available to attend. Certification is a valuable asset, to be able to show that you are highly qualified to provide your agency with expert knowledge and skills to help them with their procurement needs. Our budget has been very limited without an income stream last year, and we hope these fundraisers will help us get more scholarship opportunities out to you as chapter members.

Be safe. Be Well. Be Happy. We are grateful to each of you for the amazing work you do, and even more so through a pandemic.

Yours Sincerely,

Tonya Hodges, President
Back to Basics on Contract Management
We will discuss the process from award to contract formation, things to focus on before the contract is executed, things that might come up during the contract, and the steps to take before the next solicitation.

SPEAKERS: Cat Turner & Laurel deLagerheim

DATE: April 15, 2021
TIME: 12:00 - 1:00 PM
REGISTER: https://forms.gle/1Ntf7NVxkPrUPfUGA

NIGP-CPPs may report one continuing education hours for each hour of learning that relates specifically to NIGP-CPP content outline and/or the Public Procurement Competency Framework (PPCF). Continuing education hours are not awarded for social activities, breaks, meals, or business meetings. NIGP-CPPs may report continuing education credits in their ASPIRE record as the credits are earned.

Save the Date
Utah Chapter of NIGP
May 20, 2021 (10:00 to noon)
September 16, 2021 (10:00 to noon)
November 18, 2021 (Elections Meeting)
Dear Utah Chapter NIGP members,

The Utah Chapter NIGP needs your sweet support! We're selling yummy See's Candies in honor of Mother's Day as one of our 2021 fundraisers. Money collected during this fundraiser will be used to provide scholarships to members interested in attending the NIGP 2021 Virtual Forum and/or applying for the NIGP-CPP, CPPB, or CPPO tests. This is a great way to buy some yummy treats for your moms and/or spouse AND support our Utah Chapter NIGP members.

Please visit our shop to pick and choose your favorites and buy your candy online. It's that easy!

Happy shopping, and thanks for your support!

"Well I Never Thought I'd Procure That!"

Have you bought something strange? We want to know and share it with our members.
Email Caturner@utah.gov your strangest, grossest, or oddest procurement and we'll announce the best responses in our next newsletter.

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*March Chapter Meeting – Additional Information*

For any chapter members wanting to learn more about Dr. Kashiwagi’s presentation, please email the address below or connect through the following free resources and social media:

- Email: josephkashiwagi@ksm-inc.com
- YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxBi26nXLDTqG4ZRV6p0iiQ
- LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/kashiwagi-solution-model
- Website: https://pbsrg.com

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*Volunteer Opportunities*

Do you want to give back? Do you want to network more? Do you like being involved? Do you need to pad your resume? ;)

**We need you!!!**

**Historian and Communication Involvement** volunteer positions are open. If you are interested in serving on NIGP Board, please send an email to president@nigputah.org.
Click on the link below to see your 2021 NIGP Board members.

Utah Chapter Board Members

Are you doing something AWESOME in procurement or life in general? Let us know. Life is short, we would love to celebrate your success!

For newsletter submissions, recommendations, or comments, please email Cat Turner at Caturner@utah.gov.

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