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Brown Bag Meeting

DATE: February 18, 2021
TIME: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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TOPIC & SPEAKERS: Podium: Bringing the Convenience of the Private Sector to the Public

By Jeff Moss, Podium (Contract AR3595)

What is Podium? In short, Podium offers an all-in-one software platform for managing customer interactions. It allows public entities to effectively communicate with citizens across all direct channels of messaging. It provides methods for automating the delivery of customized messages (ex. SMS) to citizens based on events and triggers.

Cost Evaluation Methodologies

By Justin Dalton, Contract Analyst

Not all Costs are Created Equal. Making sure that you have scenarios for your specific needs will give you more accurate results and lower costs.

REGISTRATION: Google Forms Link

Save the Dates

Utah Chapter of NIGP

- March 18, 2021 (9:30 to noon)
- May 20, 2021 (10:00 to noon)
- September 16, 2021 (10:00 to noon)
- November 18, 2021 (elections meeting)

UTAH CHAPTER of NIGP

Nominations Needed

Manager and Buyer of the Year Award
Nomination Instructions

**Purpose:**

- This award is presented to Utah Chapter of NIGP members who has demonstrated outstanding professionalism and contributed significantly to the advancement of the public procurement profession and professional development during the past calendar year.

For the purposes of this award, the definition of **Manager** is limited to those professional public managers who have supervisory or management responsibilities in their organization during the calendar year 2020.

For the purposes of this award, the definition of **Buyer** is limited to those professional public buyers who have little or no supervisory or management responsibilities in their organization during the calendar year 2020.

**Format:**

- All nominations must include the nominee (name, title, and organization) and nominated by (name, title, and organization)
- All nomination must include a few paragraphs how the nominee demonstrates excellence in the Public Procurement profession, the contributions they have made to their governmental agency, and how they have made significant contributions to the NIGP – Utah Chapter (click the attachment for examples).

**What to Include:**

- Nominations should explain how the nominee demonstrates outstanding professionalism and has contributed significantly to the field of public purchasing, and the chapter during the **previous years (2020)**. See information examples below the nomination forms for details.
- Nominations should be detailed and specific, **providing examples** of merit wherever possible.

**Of Note:**

- The Selection Committee will hold all nominations in confidence.
- In the case that no submissions are received by the committee before the deadline, members of the committee will nominate and award a deserving recipient from the general body of the chapter.

**Deadline:** Completed nomination are due by 5:00 p.m. on **February 12, 2021**.

**Return to:** Send all completed forms to Brooke Smith at bsmith@murray.utah.gov

**Why?**
We like to celebrate the hard work our managers and coworkers and friends do on a daily basis and this is a great opportunity to let everyone else know how they contribute and lead. Please think of someone you know and take a moment to nominate them.

Manager of the Year Form for 2020
Buyer of the Year Form for 2020

Purpose:

This award is presented to procurement agencies in Utah who has demonstrated outstanding professionalism and contributed significantly to the advancement of the public procurement profession and professional development during the past calendar year.

Format:

- All nominations must be completed on the official application form (below).
- Attach additional sheets as needed.

**Deadline:** Completed nomination are due by 5:00 p.m. on **February 12, 2021.**

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Why?

- This is a great way to celebrate and recognize the contributions of procurement professionals and their supporting agencies throughout the state of Utah.

2020 Agency of the Year Award
A new community has been set up for NIGP members to share comments, thoughts, articles, memes with each other with the intention of adding some levity to our crazy lives.

At one of the sessions during this year's VCON, one member shared how working alone without much interaction has created a negative/depressing environment and there was definitely a need for a venue to check in and interact with each other.

The Watercooler community (link) is open to join.

"There's someone who wants to join us."
"Elizabeth, are you there?"
"We can't hear you."
"Can you hear us?"
Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) Recipients

On January 25, 2021 UPPCC announced and congratulated 199 individuals who have successfully completed the fall 2020 certification examinations. To date, the UPPCC has certified 13,947 professionals in 8 countries, 10 provinces and territories in Canada, and in 52 of the states and territories of the United States. Three of our Utah members are among those awarded the CPPB designation:

- Gayle Christensen from Canyons School District (CPPB)
- Ruby Kakita from Ogden City (CPPB)
- CoriDawn Oleson from Davis School District (CPPB)

*Congratulations! We are so proud of you!*
Like the new look? Let us know what you think.
For newsletter submissions, recommendations, or comments, please email Brooke Smith @ bsmith@murray.utah.gov.

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