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President’s Message
Happy New Year! I hope each of you were able to take some time off during the recent holidays and spend time with
your loved ones and recharge your batteries.

2020 took all of us by surprise, and was an unprecedented year with changes to our work and personal lives like many of us have never seen through our public procurement careers.

The year also provided an opportunity for growth, for thinking outside of the box for new and differing solutions for our agencies, learning how to have meetings in a virtual environment, changing at least part of many of our homes into work office spaces, etc. We've seen supply chain disruptions, and the rapid rise of PPE supplies and accompanying suppliers. Who knew we would learn to wear masks on a regular basis without Halloween or a costume party as an excuse?

We look forward to new experiences and opportunities as we enter 2021. Utah Chapter of NIGP is committed to being a professional development and Procurement resource for you and your agencies. As the pandemic continues, we will continue to offer virtual chapter meetings as well as the Brown Bag Learning Series in conjunction with the State of Utah Division of Purchasing. Our next chapter meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. You should soon be receiving links and reminders to register for the meeting on our website at https://nigputah.org/. We hope you’ll be able to join us. Please let us know what you would like to see in our upcoming meetings. Feel free to reach out to me at tonya.hodges@jordandistrict.org or to any of our Board Members with your ideas. We want to be able to help you and provide content that is relevant and insightful to what you do each day.

We are so grateful to have this association community where we can come together and share insights and ideas and to collaborate one with another. As we see more and more civil divisiveness in our communities and country, it is so refreshing to be able to have an association where we can come together in a common cause to help provide necessary goods, services and resources for our various agencies and communities. What you do each day has a direct reflection on the effective function and management of our agencies, neighborhoods and communities. Thank you for your efforts!

May we all have a wonderful new year, and hopefully a gradual return to whatever our new normal will look like.
Sincerely,

Tonya Hodges
Utah Chapter NIGP President

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**UTAH CHAPTER of NIGP**

**Calendar**

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**UT Chapter Meeting**

Please join us **January 21, 2021** for our first NIGP Chapter Meeting of 2021!

This will be via Google meet.

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

To register:

Log into: [www.nigputah.org](http://www.nigputah.org)
Click on: "Event Calendar" in the banner
Click on: January 21 ([January Chapter Meeting for Utah Chapter of NIGP - 1/21/2021](http://www.nigputah.org))
Click on: "Register Now" on the right hand side.
Click on: "Next" on the bottom right hand side.
Click on: "Complete Registration"

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Dr. April Townsend, Motivational Speaker, Townsend Consulting.

Christopher Hughes, Chief Procurement Officer, State of Utah
**Dr. April Townsend Bio**

*Topic: Connecting with Colleagues and Clients using Social and Emotional Intelligence*

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**Division of Purchasing**

*Topic: Legislative Updates and HB00043 Emergency Procurements*

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**NIGP VCON**

January 27-28, 2021

Ready to be wowed? Our new virtual conference features timely topics that affect us all:

- Change Management
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Remote Workforce Development.

**National Members: $99 | Non-Members: $199 | Group Discounts Available**

Reconnect with colleagues from all areas of procurement to process all the challenges you've endured and the accomplishments you've achieved together as we prepare for a stronger 2021.

**If you haven't attended VCON yet, now is the perfect time to join us and earn 10 Contact Hours.**

**REGISTER TODAY**

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**MEMBERS**

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**PROCURATED WEEKLY PODCAST**

Vice President, **Brooke Smith** was invited to speak on Procurated Weekly's first podcast in 2021.

**Procurated** is a resource designed by procurement professionals, for procurement professionals. Write a review and help your colleagues across your state or across the country improve the quality of the suppliers they choose.
The message she shares is,

"How Women Can Advance in Government and Conquer Imposter Syndrome."

Raise your hand if you've experienced imposter syndrome at work 🙋.

"That means you're doing something right in your career," says Brooke Smith, our first podcast guest of 2021. Tune in to this week's episode where Brooke discusses her recent research on The Status of Women Leaders in Government, and how women can overcome imposter syndrome and advance their careers through education and mentorship.
PODCAST: How Women Can Advance in Government and Conquer Imposter Syndrome w/ Brooke Smith

On this episode Brooke Smith, City Recorder at Murray City, discusses her recent research on The Status of Women Leaders in Government and how women can overcome imposter syndrome and advance their careers through education and mentorship. Listen to the episode.

Click the link below to listen:
Ep. 32 - How Women Can Advance in Government and Conquer Imposter Syndrome
January 4, 2021

Georgia-based ready-mix concrete company Argos USA LLC entered into a settlement admitting that between 2010 and 2016 it conspired to fix prices, rig bids, and allocate the market for ready-mix concrete in Georgia and elsewhere. As part of a deferred prosecution agreement, Argos will pay a $20 million criminal penalty, institute a compliance program, and cooperate in ongoing investigations. The unlawful actions included coordinated issuance of price-increase letters, the allocation of specific ready-mix jobs in the coastal Georgia area, the imposition of fuel surcharges and environmental fees, and the submission of bids at collusive and noncompetitive prices. DOJ
Ted Talk - Imposter Syndrome

Have you ever doubted your abilities, feared you were going to be discovered as a "fraud"? That's called "imposter syndrome," and you're definitely not alone in feeling it, says entrepreneur and CEO Mike Cannon-Brookes. In this funny, relatable talk, he shares how his own experiences of impostor syndrome helped pave the way to his success -- and shows how you can use it to your advantage, too.

Click here to: Watch now.

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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, Communication Involvement, and Newsletter Editor 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 2020 NIGP Board members.

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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 Brooke Smith @ bsmith@murray.utah.gov.

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