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President's Message




Dear Chapter Members:

I am honored to have served you as Chapter President from 2018-2021. Thank you so much for the encouragement and support you have provided me over the last four years. Serving the Chapter is a huge commitment and lots of work, but the benefits are so rewarding. Participating in this Chapter is a great opportunity for networking and honing the leadership skills needed to advance in your career. I hope you each of you decide to take advantage of it! Many thanks to all of you for making my time as your President so rewarding. Also, a special thank you to my agency, Osceola County Board of County Commissioners for their support! Wishing you all a great year and looking forward to a great future!

Damaris Nazario, CFPB
CFC NIGP President

VISION	To be the leading Chapter of NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement by promoting the development of public procurement professionals throughout Central Florida.
MISSION	Provide our chapter members with opportunities for professional development and the exchange of best practices.
CORE VALUES	<p>The Central Florida Chapter of NIGP shall adhere to the following core values:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ethics 2. Integrity 3. Professionalism 4. Diversity 5. Education and Professional Growth 6. Service to Stakeholders



Vice President's Message

***"The beginning is the most important part of the work."* – Plato**



Happy New Year Chapter Members,

It has been an honor serving the Chapter as your Vice President for the last 4 years. I look forward to continuing service as your President. Thank you to my County for your support! It is time to celebrate another year for our Chapter with a new board! Please join us at the January 28, 2022 chapter meeting for the board induction.

Tabatha Freedman, MBA, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB
CFC NIGP Vice President

Treasurer's Message

Hello all,



I want to take this time to thank CFC-NIGP for the opportunity to serve as a Treasurer. As my term has ended, I want to thank this truly incredible team for their constant support and encouragement during my term. This chapter has been beneficial in my professional development. I highly recommend everyone stay connected with this chapter as it provides lots of training and learning opportunities to the members. Personally, I have benefited from the programs like an externship, online study sessions, etc.

Lastly, I am thankful and grateful for all the support I received from each of you who crossed my path during this wonderful journey. I wish you all the very best!

Ramandeep Mann, MBA
CFC NIGP Treasurer

Secretary's Message

Happy New Year, CFC Members!



It has been an honor serving the Chapter as your Secretary for the past two years! I look forward to continuing to serve the Chapter in the same position for the next two years! I want to thank Damaris, Tabatha, and Raman for their continuous support. I also want to thank each and every one of you for trusting me to continue supporting our Chapter in the best way that I can.

I am excited to share this newsletter with you. Please check out the announcements, member recognitions, and all of the Chapter and NIGP sponsored opportunities for growth and development.

I look forward to seeing you all, whether in-person or virtually, at our January 28, 2022 membership meeting. Thanks again for trusting me to serve our Chapter!

Katrina Ponzini
CFC NIGP Secretary

2022-2023 INCOMING OFFICER MESSAGES

Happy New Year!

Our Chapter continues to grow and provide professional opportunities for its members who represent over 50 public entities and 300 active members throughout Central Florida. Please take this opportunity to look around and see what is going on inside the Chapter.

It is time to celebrate the 2022-2023 term for our Chapter's new board! Your new team consists of myself (President), Chris Coghill (Vice President), Sean Hynes (Treasurer), Katrina Ponzini (Secretary), and Carrie Mathes (Presidential Advisor). Please join us at the January 28, 2022 Chapter Membership Meeting for the Officer induction as they pledge support to lead the Chapter forward. The meeting is in a new location and will be held at Dover Shores Community Center, near I-4 and the 408 in Orlando. Details are on our website. We will also endeavor to have this meeting available virtually.

Membership is on an annual basis and begins on January 1 of each year. Current members have received emails to renew your membership. Please renew your membership to participate in our professional development, scholarship program, study groups, mentoring program, and networking opportunities. As we embark into the 2022 membership year, we will continue development of programs and opportunities to support you, our membership. If you are new to the profession, we hope that you will consider joining our association. Please reach out to us directly to see how membership can benefit you. Membership is limited to Public Procurement professionals and students. [Click here for more information](#).

Our Buyer of the Year and Manager of the Year program is occurring now. Applications are on our website under Documents and Files, Member Awards. This program is a peer or self-nomination of a current chapter member acknowledging contributions during 2021 to their entity, NIGP or the profession, and our Chapter. Nominations are due by January 31, 2022 to president@cfcnigp.org with nomination acceptance due by February 17, 2022. This is a great opportunity to celebrate accomplishments! Awardees receive recognition in the profession, a plaque, and 100 scholarship dollars.

A special Scholarship Application for 2020 and 2021 is available on our website under Documents and Files, Scholarships. Revenues from the 2021 Reverse Trade of approximately \$20,400 have been designated for scholarship funding. Signed applications and backup documentation is due by January 31, 2022 to scholarship@cfcnigp.org. Please send all documents in the same email. Late applications are not accepted.

We are implementing a new fundraising initiative. The Chapter has created an AmazonSmile account to contribute to our Scholarship Fund. To be successful, your assistance is needed! Link your personal or business Amazon account to the Chapter's AmazonSmile program. For no cost, the YOU can raise funds for the Chapter's Scholarship Fund! Use the connection <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-3611992>.

It has been an honor serving with the previous board, Damaris Nazario (President), myself (Vice President), Ramandeep Mann (Treasurer), Katrina Ponzini (Secretary), Carrie Mathes (Presidential Advisor), and Zulay Millan (Presidential Advisor). Their service to our Chapter is greatly appreciated!

I want to encourage members to evaluate your talents and strengths and identify if there are any committees or task forces opportunities that you would be willing to volunteer for in 2022. Committee chair and member positions are available. We have much work to do as a chapter this year and we can benefit from having active volunteers. Please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other board members with any questions you might have. Let's make this year a fantastic year for your Chapter!

May your New Year be full of hope, joy, and laughter!

Tabatha Freedman, MBA, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB

2022-2023 President

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2022-2023 INCOMING OFFICER MESSAGES

WELCOME



Happy New Year friends!

I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your Vice President. I'm so excited about the upcoming year, being in person again for chapter meetings! If there is anything I can do for you, please reach out.

Best wishes to all with hopes that 2022 is a great year!

Chris Coghill, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB
2022-2023 Vice President

Happy New Year Central Florida Chapter!

I would like to thank all of you for electing me to serve as your Treasurer for the 2022-2023 term. I have enjoyed being involved with the chapter over the last five years, and I am excited to take on this new position.

The Chapter will be working to provide a seamless in-person and virtual option for our first meeting this year on January 28th and we will be continuing with the hybrid platform throughout the year. I look forward to seeing everyone in-person or virtually. I hope everyone has a fantastic year!!

Sean Hynes, NIGP-CPP, CPPB
2022-2023 Treasurer



Happy New Year, CFC Members!

I am looking forward to serving as the Chapter Secretary for another two years. While the past two years brought it's fair share of challenges, I thoroughly enjoyed all of the available opportunities to connect, learn, and grow alongside our members. I am ecstatic to get back to seeing you all in-person as much as possible.

Here's to 2022!

Katrina Ponzini
2022-2023 Secretary

2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

2022 Chapter Meeting and Workshop Dates

Friday, January 28, 2022, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Dover Shores Community Center, Grand Room
1400 Gaston Foster Rd.
Orlando, FL 32812

Leadership Development Fundamentals. We will cover leadership principles, leadership styles, challenges to leadership, and other leadership aspects.

Presented by: Hector R. Valle Sr., Environmental Programs Manager, Solid Waste Management Division, Seminole County Government.

Our Chapter Membership Meeting and Officer Installation is Before the Presentation.

Date and Event
January 28, 2022 ~ Chapter Meeting
March 25, 2022 ~ Chapter Meeting and Workshop
May 6, 2022 ~ Chapter Meeting
July 15, 2022 ~ Chapter Meeting
September 23, 2022 ~ Chapter Meeting and Workshop
November 9, 2022 ~ RTS
December 9, 2022 ~ Chapter Meeting

VIRTUAL Chapter Check-Ins may be scheduled in addition to the above meetings and workshops.

Meetings may be Virtual and/or in-person.
In-person locations will be listed on our website.

IN-PERSON LUNCH. Lunch purchases are to be made in advance during meeting registration. Additional lunches will not be available the day of the event. If you have dietary requirements, please contact president@cfcnigp.org at least one week in advance of the meeting day. We will meet them the best we can.

NOTE: In-person meetings may be subject to capacity limits and COVID restrictions.

Thank you,

Tabatha Freedman

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - REFUND AND EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

2022 REFUND and EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

The Central Florida Chapter of NIGP provides educational, support and career enrichment services and information to its members through meetings, workshops, seminars, group sessions, trade shows and other educational events. Annual membership dues and events for which there is a cost may be paid online.

Event	Cancellation more than 30 days before the event	Cancellation 5 - 29 days before the event	Cancellation 4 days or less before the event
Annual Reverse Trade Show	Refund minus 10% of registration fee	Refund minus 20% of registration fee	NO REFUND
Speed Buying	NO REFUND due to limited event seating	NO REFUND due to limited event seating	NO REFUND due to limited event seating
Other Chapter Sponsored Vendor Events	Refund minus 10% of registration fee	Refund minus 20% of registration fee	NO REFUND
Membership Meetings & NIGP Member Events	Refund minus 10% of registration fee	Refund minus 10% of registration fee	NO REFUND
NIGP Institute Events / Seminars (Registration through NIGP)	NIGP cancellation policy applies	NIGP cancellation policy applies	NIGP cancellation policy applies

- Refunds are processed at the discretion of the Chapter Board, and may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Membership Fees (dues): Membership fees are non-refundable.
- Send all cancellation notices to the President at president@cfcnigp.org and to the Treasurer @ treasurer@cfcnigp.org.

Thank you,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - AMAZON SMILE REVENUE INITIATIVE

Hello Chapter Members,

As a non-profit organization, our Chapter qualifies for the AmazonSmile program.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your Chapter.

When you shop at **smile.amazon.com**, **Amazon** donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases - at no cost to you.

The Chapter has created an AmazonSmile account to contribute to our Scholarship Fund.

Link your personal or business Amazon account to the Chapter's AmazonSmile program. Use the connection below:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-3611992>



Thank you,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - FREE HALF-DAY CLASS



FREE HALF-DAY CLASS

The Central Florida Chapter of NIGP has been awarded a ½ day Virtual class “Communication Strategies” sponsored by Omnia. The Chapter will use a Random Sort Generator to select eight (8) random members to attend this free class. The class will be held in the morning on April 8, 2022. Please make sure your contact information is correct on the CFCNIGP website, so we can reach out to the lucky attendees to confirm your interest and availability to attend the class. You must be a 2022 chapter member. Only one (1) chapter member per agency will be awarded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILY DAY 2022



SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE MESSAGE

2021 State of the Chapter and Community Service Presentation

On Friday, December 10, 2021, Chapter Members joined us virtually for our Membership Meeting, Community Service presentation, and State of the Chapter.

Chris Coghill, Community Service Chair, provided a presentation about Fisher House Orlando, a housing facility near Orlando VA Medical Center for families of Veterans and active duty military during times of extended medical treatment. Volunteer opportunities can be found at [How You Can Help \(orlandofisherhouse.org\)](https://www.orlandofisherhouse.org). For more information, you may contact Terri Turner, Manager, at 407-631-9800 or teresa.turner2@va.gov. **Our Chapter Members donated \$460 of their scholarship funds to this Community Service initiative!** The chapter contributed also to round the donation to \$500 to Fisher House Orlando.

The Chapter's 2021 meeting and workshop lineup was completely virtual for the remainder year. January we engaged with an 8 peer cooperative purchasing panel. Our March Spring Workshop, "Procurement Interaction", and our September Fall Workshop, "Spectacular Specifications by David Nash", were both attended by over 70 and 80 members respectively! Our Chapter Ambassadors shared NIGP Pathways and NIGP-CPP certification in May. NIGP Volunteer of the Year Stacy Gregg presented in July. We rounded out the year with 2 virtual chapter check-in events in March and October. Our programs provided a total of 9 contact hours!

The Chapter welcomed 44 new members, honored 5 retirements, missed hosting Professional Development classes, had 4 mentees and 4 mentors, celebrated 7 new CPPB/CPPO Certifications and 37 NIGP-CPP Certifications, and acknowledged our Chapter Award recipients and NIGP Service by our members. A new 3 year strategic plan was created for 2021 to 2023.

Our 1st virtual Reverse Trade Show was a success with over \$20,000 in profit! 23 agencies participated and approximately 240 vendor firms attended. Of those firms, 5 were diamond sponsors and 14 were gold sponsors.

Sixty-seven (67) CFC NIGP members attended NIGP VIRTUAL FORUM of which 8 members received a NIGP scholarship opportunity to attend free. Five chapter members presented at FORUM. Our chapter accomplishments and excellence of professionalism and development opportunities were recognized with the 2021 Platinum Performance Standard Seal!

Thank you to all of our members!

It is your support and dedication that makes this Chapter a success!

Tabatha Freedman

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MBA, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB

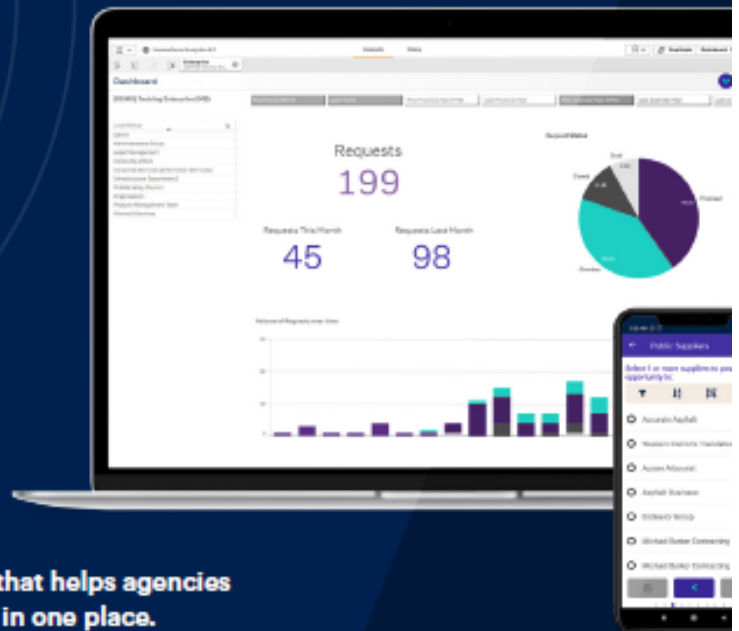
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JUST IN TIME FOR THE NEW YEAR!

VendorPanel is now available in the US

VendorPanel is a cloud procurement platform that helps agencies manage suppliers, sourcing, and contracts, all in one place.



Agencies who use VendorPanel have experienced:

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Savings

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per RFx

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guarantee

For over 10 years, VendorPanel has been a leader in procurement software, trusted by hundreds of businesses and public agencies, thousands of buyers, and over 50,000 suppliers worldwide.

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NIGP-CERTIFIED PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS

NIGP-CPP Recipients

November 2021 Testing Window

NIGP-CPP Certificants

Betsy J. Cohen, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPP, CPPB, C.P.M. - FL

Rebecca L. Jones - NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB

Osceola County - FL

Shaira D. Resto, NIGP-CPP, CPPB

County of Volusia - FL

Brian Sargent, NIGP-CPP, CPPB

University of Central Florida - FL

Coraly Vazquez, NIGP-CPP, CPPB, C.P.M., FCCM

Kissimmee Utility Authority FL

Janet Vivian, NIGP-CPP, CPPB

City of New Smyrna Beach - FL

NIGP-CPP Certification Recipients

Congratulations to these NIGP-Certified Procurement Professionals

We are pleased to recognize the following professionals who have successfully attained the competency-based qualifications set forth by the NIGP Certification Commission for public procurement leaders and have earned our prestigious NIGP Certified Procurement Professional certification (NIGP-CPP).



MEMBER RECOGNITIONS



OCTOBER 2021 TESTING WINDOW

Gretchen Bechtel, CPPB
Lake County

Ramandeep Mann, CPPB
Toho Water Authority

Shannon Nolan, CPPB
Flagler County Board of County Commissioners

Susan Perry, CPPB
Orange County Public Schools

Danielle Rose, CPPB
Polk County Board of County Commissioners

William Ponko, CPPO
Lake County



CONGRATULATIONS



MEMBER RECOGNITIONS



Congratulations to the 2021 Leaders Edge Graduates

NIGP is honored to 'graduate' the third class of Leaders Edge participants. Leaders Edge is a transformative leadership development program for mid-level professionals. Applications for the 2022 Class will be available in early 2022.

Congratulations to these talented leaders.

Judy Ambrosi, Director of CTS
Kissimmee Utility Authority, FL

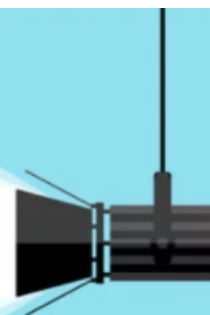
Nick Canjar, Procurement Agent II
City of Palm Bay

Leaders Edge is a unique development program for mid-to senior-level professionals. This is a transformative learning experience designed specifically to meet our members' needs, to close the leadership gap in procurement and to prepare the next generation of leaders.



HEIDEE SANTIAGO-RULLÁN

CONTRACTS SECRETARY, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FL



What year did you join the Chapter? Officially in 2021, but I have been present at meetings since Summer of 2020.

How long have you worked in the procurement profession? 1 year and 5 months at the School District of Osceola County, though for 2 years prior, I had been participating in private purchasing without having full understanding that I was doing it.

What is the most interesting, unusual, or challenging purchase in which you have been involved? I worked in a Chocolatier Shop and the owner decided to re-evaluated sourcing for chocolate and cacao products. I did an RFP-style purchase, where different companies presented their cacao products. Some were cultivated in Brazil and had coffee undertones, others were from Panama with a Banana aftertastes, there was even an innovative Ruby chocolate that was pink with a tartness similar to berries, and so on. In the end we decided to buy from some companies specifically for certain products and others for other products. It involved a lot of sampling, testing, and work, but in the end, I learned a lot.

What professional certifications do you hold? None yet, it's a work in progress.

What is your number one goal (career or personal)? To keep growing. I believe you can always find a way to improve yourself and your work. Mistakes are meant to be learned from and your way is usually not the only way. Personally, I would like to travel the world and openly experience new things.

What is your favorite hobby? I love to dance, read, and spend time with my family. I am also a foodie, so I often find myself perusing menus checking out new local restaurants.

Share a little-known fact about yourself. I am the first person in my family to go to college. My associate degree is in Pastry & Baking Management, though I soon found out I was more interested in the business aspect of hospitality. I still enjoy baking, but more when it is at home for my friends and coworkers.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

2022 Legislative Session Schedule **Filed By: Juliet Misconi, MPA, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB** **CFCNIGP Legislative Task Force Chair**

The Florida Legislature meets in session every year for sixty consecutive days. The 2022 Legislative Schedule is as follows.

- January 7, 2022 5:00 p.m., deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills;
- January 11, 2022 Regular Session convenes (Article III, section 3(b), State Constitution) 12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Rule 3.7(1));
- February 26, 2022 Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (Rule 6.4(4)). All bills are immediately certified (Rule 6.8);
- March 1, 2022 50th day – last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Rule 2.9(2));
- March 11, 2022 60th day – last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), State Constitution).

The Legislative Task Force will start reviewing bills in January. I wanted to add that the Palm Bay City Council has supported a legislative priority requested by Procurement for changes to CCNA, including the ability to consider cost in the evaluation or surveying and landscape architecture services. The Legislative Task Force will be keeping a close eye out for any bills that emerge on that topic as well.

Stay tuned for more future updates!



CERTIFICATION SUPPORT

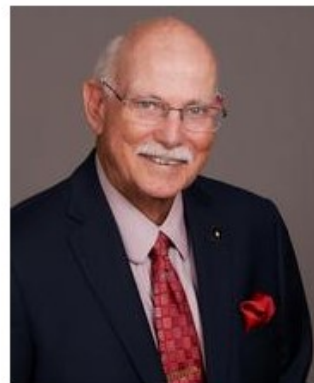
Question of the Day by David Nash

The goal is simple: To assist public procurement professionals in preparing for the CPPO, CPPB and NIGP-CPP exams, one question at a time.

Since the creation of the online Question of the day in 2007, more than five thousand public procurement professionals from across the United States and Canada have participated in this endeavor by responding to questions sent to them via daily emails. Participants may also pose questions that they encounter during their independent or group studies.

<http://www.qoftheday.net/>

Your Facilitator



David E. Nash, CPPO, CPPB, NIGP-CPP: NIGP certified instructor with over 45 years of experience in logistics and public procurement.



MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

Take advantage of the Mentoring Program!

Some of the Benefits:

- ⇒ Guidance to the Mentee.
- ⇒ Share knowledge and experience
- ⇒ Customize plan to meet Mentee's goals.
- ⇒ Assist Mentee thru certification process
- ⇒ Scholarship points
- ⇒ Mentee Learns the NIGP nuances
- ⇒ Mentor gives feedback for progress and assessment
- ⇒ Mentor feels sense of achievement by "giving back"

Mentors needed.



Contact Info: Kristine Rodriguez, Director
Rodriguez.Kristine@Brevardschools.org

MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

NIGP Mentorship Program

Inspiring the next generation of
public procurement leaders

Email mentorship@nigp.org

Learn more at [https://www.nigp.org/
events/mentorship](https://www.nigp.org/events/mentorship).

It takes intentional effort and strong strategic relationships to advance in your career.

Lifelong learning should be supported by intentional relationships established to guide your professional development and career growth. The NIGP Mentoring Facebook page is designed to help you by connecting junior members with more experienced practitioners who can offer mentoring advice to help you progress in your career. Mentors can be a neutral sounding board, they can help you handle difficult or unusual situations you may face in your role or in your career, and they can provide feedback regarding growth opportunities to support your long-term career development.

The NIGP Mentorship Program is designed to support the needs of NIGP Members and other public sector public procurement professionals by:

- Creating strong professional networks built on trust and respect to facilitate life-long learning
- Promoting diversity of thought and critical thinking skills
- Providing supplemental learning channels to enhance brainstorming
- Providing access to more experienced professionals who can offer encouragement and career guidance
- Promoting an environment where the participant feels empowered and confident

APPLY TO BE A MENTOR OR MENTEE

Applications are now available for those interested in either role. Applications will be reviewed by the NIGP Mentorship Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

Hello Chapter Members,

The current Scholarship Log is posted on our website. Chapter members that have current scholarship funds are welcome to use them this year.

Scholarship Application: A scholarship application is located on our website, Documents and Files, Scholarships. This is a special application for the 2020 and 2021 years. All [**scholarship applications and backup documentation**](#) must be submitted by [**January 31st**](#) annually in accordance to the application form. **LATE APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

YOU MUST SIGN THE FORM, INK OR ELECTRONICALLY, AND SUBMIT BACK UP DOCUMENTATION WITH THE APPLICATION.

Meeting Attendance: To provide your meeting attendance, log in to the website. From the home page, select Review/Update Your Profile. Select the History tab at the top and save to PDF. Provide with your application.

RTS Attendance: To provide your RTS attendance, log in to the website. Go to Documents and Files, Scholarships. The 2021 RTS attendee list is available there. Provide the page with you name on it with your application.

Committee Lists: To provide your Committee engagement, log in to the website. Go to Committee List. Committee List for 2020, 2021, and the Internship/Externship episodic members are available there. Provide the page(s) with you name on it with your application.

New Certifications: Provide copies of your certifications.

Other: Provide backup documentation of attendance, payment, etc.

Contact me if you have any questions.

Scholarship Redemption Procedures: 1) Members shall complete a Scholarship Redemption Request and submit it to the Vice President in order to redeem scholarship funds. 2) Supporting documentation must be attached and may include course curriculum, registration form, travel request from member's entity, etc. 3) The completed a Scholarship Redemption Request must be submitted by December 1st of the current year.

The Board of Directors appreciate all our Chapter members and welcome you to participate in the Central Florida Chapter of NIGP! Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Tabatha Freedman

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INTERNSHIP/EXTERNSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE



Jan 2022

CFC-NIGP Internship/Externship Committee News!

During the University of Central Florida's Winter Break in mid-December of 2021, two UCF students were able to attend an in-person Job Shadow experience at the Orange County Convention Center. The one-day event was sponsored through the NIGP Central Florida Chapter and the host organization, Orange County Government. The students were provided with an overview of the convention center operations, toured part of the facility, met with various section managers, and gained insights of the role of Contract Management Administrator and the associated purchasing and contract functions. One of the students is enrolled in the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality and the other student is enrolled in the MBA program in the UCF College of Business so each student was provided a slightly different program experience and held on different days. Both students expressed their sincere gratitude and acknowledged that the purchasing and contracting field might be a future career interest for them.

These Job Shadow events are offered through UCF's Experiential Learning Department to employers and organizations in the central Florida region as real-life experiences in creating awareness of potential career paths for students. UCF holds these Job Shadow events during the Spring, Summer and Fall semester breaks and great opportunities for our Chapter give back and to increase awareness and potential career interests to students as they approach their entering the workforce.

UCF has just announced the 2022 Spring Session Job Shadow event is scheduled for **March 8-11**. Options include hosting a virtual or in-person experience. You will have the opportunity to host a single student or a group of students on multiple days or a single day. To learn more about the program, including timeline, tips, and best practices for structuring your job shadow opportunity, visit UCF's [website](#) or view their [host information session recording](#).

If any Chapter member is interested in serving as a one-day host for future UCF Job Shadow events, please contact John Schmidt, at 407-685-5822 for more information and registration assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schmidt
Chair, Internship/Externship Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Our Chapter donated \$500 to Fisher House Orlando!

A "Home-Away-From-Home" for Military Veterans, Active Duty Service Members and Their Families.

We fundraise to support Veterans, Service Members, and their families during medical treatment at the Orlando VA Medical Center.

Many Veterans and active duty military undergo extended medical treatment for several weeks or months and we provide a place to stay at no cost to these families.

The Orlando Fisher House has 16 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facility, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. There is never a charge to stay at the Orlando Fisher House.

The house is operated by the Orlando VA Medical Center and supported by the 501(c)(3) Friends of Fisher House Orlando (FOFHO). The FOFHO ensures the house has all the comforts of a home for the families living there. We believe a family's love is good medicine, which is why the biggest impact for those receiving medical care is having their loved ones with them during these difficult times without having to worry about hotel bills.

Families are able to stay at the Orlando Fisher House as long as a Veteran or active duty service member is receiving treatment at the hospital.



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COMMUNITY SERVICES



With the Omicron variant raging across the globe, please take the time to reach out to your co-workers, neighbors, family, and friends, to say hi and check up on others in your life. We often do not share how difficult times are and maybe you will bring a well needed smile. The

Chapter is always looking for innovative ways to give back to the community. Please reach out if you have a community service event for consideration for 2022. Remember to include a Community Donation form in order to receive credit for your donation to Chapter sponsored community service events. Thank you for your continue support to our Central Florida families and community

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CONNECTING PROCUREMENT COMMUNITIES

NIGP Forum 2022 Call for Presentations

Boston, MA

August 20-24

Give back, make an impact

NIGP, the largest association dedicated solely to public procurement professionals, invites you to submit your presentation for our in-person and virtual conference this August. Be a part of the most diverse and comprehensive event attended by professionals from across the field.

Please use the resources provided to help you prepare the best proposal possible. [It is recommended that you review the NIGP Forum 2022 Conference & Exposition Proposal Content Requirements PDF](#) before beginning the process.

Share Your Expertise. Submit a Proposal

The focused themes for this year's Forum include:

- Construction
- Cooperatives
- Cornerstones of Public Procurement
- Technology & Innovation
- Leadership

PROPOSAL CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

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PROPOSAL SELECTION CRITERIA

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KEY DATES

Deadline to submit proposals:

[January 14, 2022](#)

Final Notifications

[March 4, 2022](#)

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

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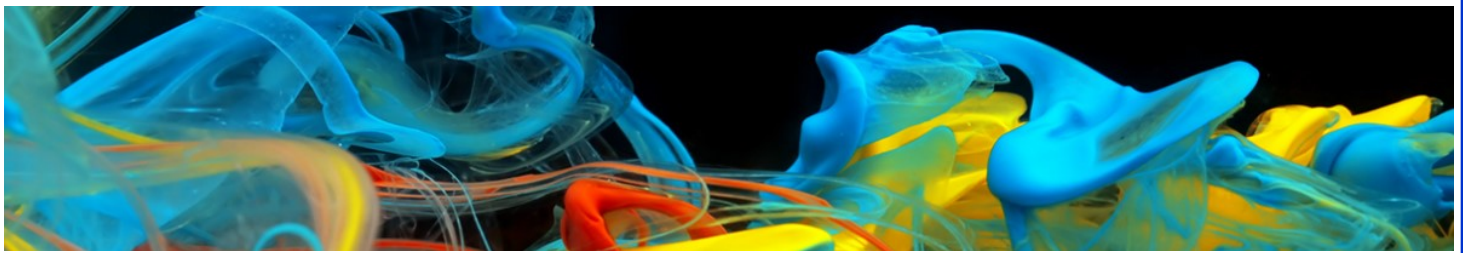
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NIGP Course Offerings

NIGP Pathways courses are designed for busy procurement professionals, offering flexible options to meet diverse learning needs. On-demand classes offers 100% self-paced sessions that are accessible 24/7. Virtual instructor-led classes are remotely accessed live sessions taught by NIGP-certified instructors who encourage active participation. In-person classes are also led by NIGP-certified instructors and offer a classroom learning experience, including group work and hands-on collaboration with other students.

NEW - EVENING AND WEEKEND COURSES

January 2022

Competency Module: Social Responsibility

Saturday, January 22, 2022

1 Day | Contact Hours: 7.5 | CEUs: 0.8

Price: \$310 Member | \$410 Non-Member

Competency Module: Ethics, Integrity and Transparency

Thursday, January 27, 2022

6 - 10 PM ET | Contact Hours: 4.0 | CEUs: 0.4

Price: \$155 Member | \$255 Non-Member

IN A VARIETY OF LEVELS AND DELIVERY FORMATS

Search our Course Offerings

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The NIGP Headliner Series feature compact sessions on the hot procurement topics that impact your career, your entity, and your community.

The Series gets right to the heart of the matter by identifying the hard facts of these procurement headlines and what it means for you. These series analyze the critical challenges in the profession, and offer practical solutions from subject matter experts to help you make informed decisions. Handouts will be provided at the end of each session.

Attend One, Attend All

Priced affordably with our members' budget constraints top of mind.

- Get relatable and sound advice from subject matter experts that will help you make informed decisions.
- Ask questions, chat with colleagues, receive actionable answers.
- Keep the conversations flowing by joining participants in our virtual connections room.
- Share experiences, exchange ideas and brainstorm solutions.
- Handouts provided that support and enhance the learning experience

Headliner: Supply Chain Issues

February 16, 2022 - 1PM - 5PM (ET)

Contact Hours: 4

\$79 Members | \$179 Non-Members

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Headliner: Building a Stronger Partnership between Finance and Procurement

Part I: March 1, 2022

Part II: March 9, 2022

Contact Hours: 4

\$79 Members | \$179 Non-Members

Registration includes both Part I and Part II

REGISTER

Headliner: Negotiation: Identifying Winning Strategies

May 12, 2022

Contact Hours: 3

\$79 Members | \$179 Non-Members

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Learning Labs

Hands-On Workshops

An educational series that provides learners with best practice guidance on a variety of technical and hard skills needed for public procurement success.

Course Availability:

View upcoming dates for this course.

[FIND YOUR COURSE](#)

Upcoming Learning Labs

FEB
22

Learning Lab - Tools and Tips for More Effective Writing

Virtual Instructor-Led

APR
5

Learning Lab - Microsoft Excel: Top Essential Functions

Virtual Instructor-Led

MAY
17

Learning Lab - Microsoft Teams: Tips & Techniques for Leveraging the Power of Teams

Virtual Instructor-Led

MAR
23

Learning Lab - Avoiding the Solicitation Q&A Cycle

Virtual Instructor-Led

APR
19

Learning Lab - Writing Effective Proposals

Virtual Instructor-Led

JUN
21

Learning Lab - Stop Wasting Time in Excel! Tips and Shortcuts to Be More Efficient

Virtual Instructor-Led

Cost

Members: \$79

Non-Members: \$179

CEUs

0.2

Contact Hours

2.0

Length

90 - 120 minutes



LATEST TRENDS AND INFORMATION IMPACTING THE PROFESSION

Webinars

Our webinars keep members and procurement professionals updated on important topics and the latest trends and information impacting the profession. Topics range from policy and regulation changes to deep dives on a new trend in procurement to sharing best practices, or managing a crisis.

JAN 18	Webinar - NIGP Certified Procurement Professional: A Proven Pathway That Invests in Your Long-Term Career Growth Webinar	FEB 8	Webinar - NIGP Certified Procurement Professional: A Proven Pathway That Invests in Your Long-Term Career Growth Webinar
JAN 20	Webinar - Technology and Peer Reviews are Changing the Way We Choose Suppliers Webinar	FEB 10	Webinar - Contemporary Business Practices, Finding Common Ground Webinar
JAN 26	Webinar - Procuring, Selecting, and Implementing ERP and Procurement Software Systems Webinar	MAR 15	Webinar - NIGP Certified Procurement Professional: A Proven Pathway That Invests in Your Long-Term Career Growth Webinar
FEB 3	Webinar - Market Research: Job Order Contracting as an Alternative Project Delivery Method Webinar	APR 19	Webinar - NIGP Certified Procurement Professional: A Proven Pathway That Invests in Your Long-Term Career Growth Webinar

Every year, thousands of procurement professionals take part in NIGP webinars.

NIGP also offers webinars for **chapter officers**. These webinars are designed to help chapter officers lead their chapters effectively with topics such as leadership development, marketing, event planning, navigating tax and legal issues, and more.

NIGP is proud to offer webinar sessions in partnership with **ASPA and the Public Spend Forum**. They are free for members to attend and last 90 minutes (60-70 minutes of presentation with time for Q&A). Attendees receive one (1) contact hour per completed webinar that they attend.

Questions

General:
Contact customercare@nigp.org.

Registration: Contact
registrationinfo@nigp.org

Webinars are...

\$0

Complimentary to MEMBERS

\$49

Non-Members

90

Minutes (60-70 minutes of presentation with time for Q&A)

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Attendees receive one (1) contact hour per completed webinar they attend.



GAIN CONTACT HOURS BY VIEWING PAST RECORDINGS

Webinar Recordings

EARN
1 CONTACT HOUR

Webinars & Webinar Recordings are FREE to Members

NIGP hosts over 30 webinars a year on key topics, best practices and issues of relevance to the public procurement professional. AND...these webinars are FREE to members. Because we understand that your time is in short-supply, we also offer members access to these webinar recordings to review on your own time.

Topic	
TECHNOLOGY	PROTESTS
SUSTAINABILITY	CYBERSECURITY
EVALUATION METHODS	FRAUD
LEADERSHIP	RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT
BENCHMARKING	NEGOTIATIONS
MARKET RESEARCH	REVERSE AUCTIONS
SPEND ANALYSIS	CERTIFICATION
COOPERATIVES	CONSTRUCTION
SPECIFICATIONS	AUDITS
UTILITIES	GASB/LEASE
BONDS	COVID-19
CFR 200/UNIFORM GRANT GUIDANCE/ UGG	RISK
BID	CONTENT CORNER

NIGP BLOG

Welcome to the NIGP Blog

Love, Sweat & No Tears.

What do you love most about procurement? What keeps you up at night? Why is procurement the best career choice you can make?

Because your colleagues want to know.

Past topics have included:

[Check it out at https://www.nigp.org/events/nigp-blog.](https://www.nigp.org/events/nigp-blog)

- **Money, Money, Money**
- **Talent Management: Designing and Defining Procurement's Future Workforce**
- **The Power of Innovation. The Power of Learning. The Power of Pathways.**
- **Reducing "Noise" in Evaluations**
- **Sustainable Procurement: A *Big Picture* Perspective**
- **Reimagining & Building a Public Procurement Contract Sharing Community**
- **The Data Classification Journey**
- **Reflections of Resiliency: Celebrating Procurement Month & Women's History Month**
- **Using the NIGP Code for Reaching Diversity Goals**
- **How COVID-19 Elevated Procurement's Profile in the Public Sector**
- **Purchasing Execs Share Their Experiences extending ERP with an e-Procurement Marketplace**
- **Risk-Based Procurement in the Age of COVID-19**

RADIO NIGP

The logo for NIGP RADIO, featuring the text "NIGP" in a large, bold, sans-serif font above the word "RADIO" in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The text is white and set against a dark blue background with a subtle geometric pattern.

We are incredibly excited to introduce **RADIO NIGP**. A talented team of procurement colleagues created our first-ever radio program. Radio NIGP gives a new vibe and a new twist to the world of procurement. Get ready to listen, learn and be entertained!

What's Ahead

Radio NIGP will be produced monthly with segments that include "Legally Speaking", "Word of the Day", "Tech Tip" as well as guest commentaries, interviews and compelling news that will keep you connected and engaged with NIGP and the procurement community. Look for more enhancements as we grow this innovative radio program.

**Send Us Your Comments
& Questions**

radio@nigp.org

[Check it out at https://www.nigp.org/events/radio-nigp.](https://www.nigp.org/events/radio-nigp)



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Certification

Upcoming Examination dates. For those that are looking to test, some important dates are mentioned below in the table that might be useful.

For more details on certification, visit the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) website at <https://uppcc.org/>.

Spring Exams: May 2-14, 2022				Fall Exams: Oct 17-29, 2022			
Exam App Window Opens	Apply By	Apply w/ Late Fee By	Schedule Exam By*	Exam App Window Opens	Apply By	Apply w/ Late Fee By	Schedule Exam By*
Nov 1	Feb 14	Feb 28	Apr 4	May 16	July 31	Aug 13	Sep 19

Hosting a Seminar

Interested in hosting a virtual class? Contact Lisa Kesecker at (407)870-4622 with any further questions or to begin the seminar scheduling process. With a variety of classes to choose from, visit the NIGP website for course information at: NIGP.ORG

Do you want to start earning your Pathway's badges and certificates? Go to the NIGP's website and lookup the various classes so you can start earning your badges!



VIRTUAL INSTRUCTOR-LED

Looking for CFCNIGP Sponsored Classes?

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Contact: Lisa Kesecker, CPPB - Pro-D Chair
lisa.kesecker@osceolaschools.net

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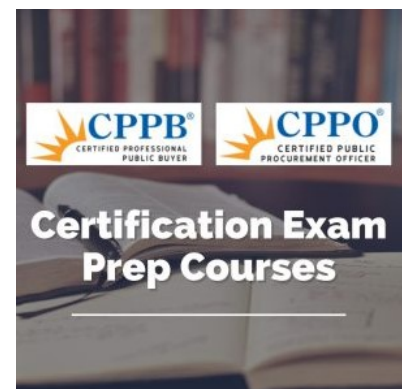


CPPB and CPPO Exam Prep Courses

Registration has **CLOSED** for the Fall 2021 prep courses. Registration will reopen in the winter of 2021 for the 2022 Spring courses.

These courses are designed as a self-study tool intended to assist any public procurement professional that is preparing to take the CPPB or CPPO certification exams.

These web-based, instructor-led courses can be accessed through the Procurement U Learning Management System (LMS) and are offered each spring and fall.





FREE Certification Prep in 2022

There's never been a better time to get certified!

Coming Soon: We are excited to announce a new addition to the [Procurement U Gives Back](#) program: free certification exam prep courses for the UPPCC CPPB and CPPO exams!

As a pilot for Spring of 2022, we will be offering our prep courses as fully self-paced courses, completely free for anyone to use as a self-study tool.



NOTE: There is no instructor for these courses.

These free courses will include:

- practice exam questions as a self-assessment tool,
- links to readings and free resources aligned by NASPO staff to the new UPPCC [Body of Knowledge and Competency \(BoK-C\)](#),
- access to a discussion board to engage with other professionals preparing for the exam,
- and other helpful tips and resources to help you study.

The courses will be made available starting in **late January** and remain open through the spring exam dates. Input your email at the link below if you would like to be notified via email once these courses are available for you to access.

[Sign up For Notification](#)

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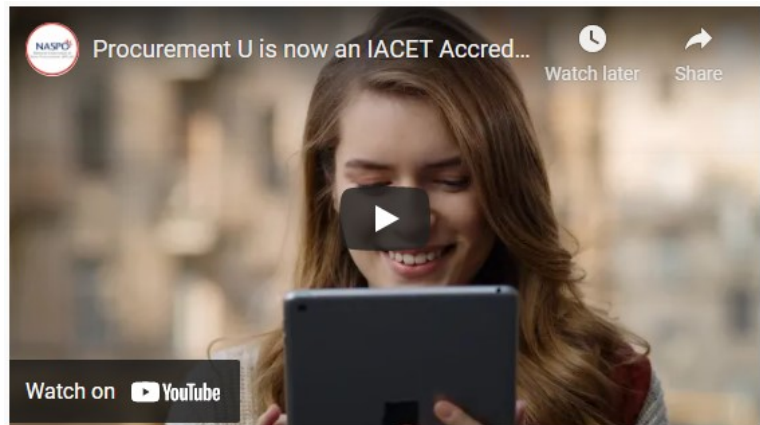
PROCUREMENT U FREE COURSES - GIVE BACK PROGRAM

Our Gift to You

Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, procurement professionals have led the way in procuring critical PPE and essential needs for state and local governments across the country during this unprecedented time. As a small token of our profound appreciation for everything you do, we are making ALL *Foundational Procurement* courses totally FREE.

This "Procurement U Gives Back" Program is also a celebration of a major milestone for Procurement U: we are now an IACET Accredited education provider! Watch the video to learn more about what this prestigious honor means for us, and for you.

Below are details on the changes happening right now as a part of our Give Back Program and how you can take advantage of this unparalleled offer. We encourage you to explore the opportunities available and check our website often, as we have even more new and exciting things coming soon. Enjoy!



FREE SELF-PACED COURSES

The core of Procurement U is comprised of our online courses available on our Learning Management System (LMS). As a part of this new Give Back Program, we are making all *Foundational Procurement* courses available for free. This includes over 25 contact hours of online course instruction, completely free.

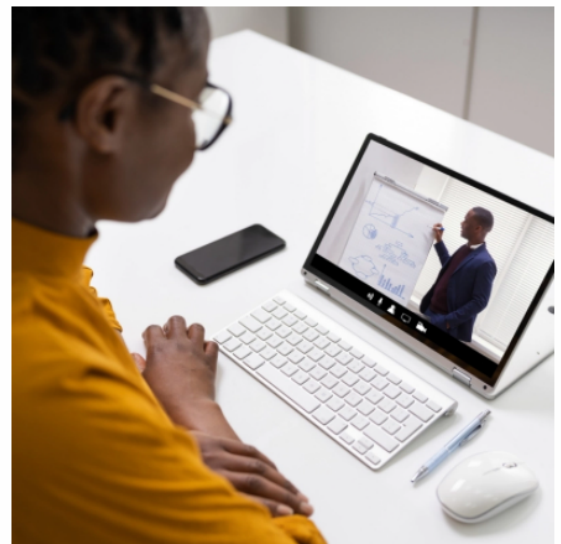
To enroll in one of these free courses, click the "Free Courses" button below, sign up or log in, and explore the catalog.

[FREE COURSES](#)

NEW! FREE WEBINAR RECORDINGS FOR CONTACT HOURS

Missed one of our webinars? No problem! In addition to all the free courses, we are also announcing a brand-new offering: free webinar recordings that are eligible for contact hours. Simply checkout a webinar recording that you did not get to experience live, pass the short quiz after the video, and you automatically receive a certificate of completion showing your earned contact hour(s). It's that easy to build hours towards certification, all completely free for everyone. Check back often as we add new webinar recordings throughout the year.

[FREE WEBINARS](#)



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UPPCC CERTIFICATION

CPPB STUDY GROUP 2022



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2021 UPPCC BoK-C: CPPO

2021 UPPCC BoK-C: CPPB

UPPCC Body of Knowledge & Competency (BoK-C) Domain Areas

	CPPO Exam	CPPB Exam
Legal Framework	15%	14%
Procurement Planning and Analysis	17%	18%
Sourcing and Solicitation	20%	23%
Contract Development and Management	17%	21%
Leadership	18%	11%
Business Principles	13%	13%

Happy New Year! One of the best things about my volunteer experiences has been the opportunity to meet so many new procurement professionals across the nation! A study group will be formed soon so please contact me at chris.coghill@groveland-fl.gov if you want to join!

Here's the link to the new study materials: <https://www.nigp.org/certification/cppo-cppb-exam-prep> for those that plan to sit for one of the tests.

UPPCC CERTIFICATION




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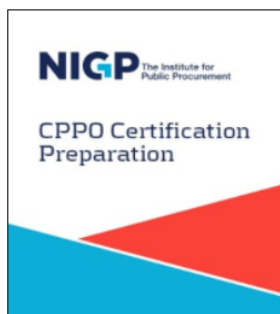
CPPPO AND CPPB ONLINE ASSESSMENT TOOLS

CPPPO and CPPB Prep Guides

This CPPPO and CPPB Certification Preparation Guides are designed to help prepare you for the **Certified Public Procurement Officer** and **Certified Public Procurement Buyer** examinations. Both guides and the certification examination are based on the **2021 UPPCC Body of Knowledge**. While the actual examination questions are held in the strictest confidence by the UPPCC, by basing this preparation guide on the same foundation as the test questions, it can serve as a focused study guide.

 **NOTE:** A hard copy of the Prep Guide is included with an in-person Prep Course registration. A digital version is included with an online course registration.

The CPPPO or CPPB Prep Guides are also available for purchase in the NIGP Bookstore in both hard copy and a digital ebook. Purchase your copy today!



PURCHASE TEXTBOOK

PURCHASE EBOOK

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GET A PREP COURSE FOR FREE

Did you take a CPPO or CPPB Prep class with NIGP after July 1, 2021 but didn't pass the Exam?

One Time Use Only

CONTACT_CUSTOMERCARE@NIGP.ORG

For all of those that just missed it during the fall exams, NIGP may have just what you need! Contact Customer Care and see how they can help you!

<https://www.nigp.org/certification/cppo-cppb-exam-prep>

Recommended UPPCC Exam Prep Timeline

<p>Purchase the CPPO or CPPB online assessment tool for a virtual test prep experience that features over 325 study questions to help you identify your strengths and weaknesses.</p>	<h3>6 Months Before Exam</h3> <p>Assess where you are</p>
<p>Choose NIGP courses to fill your knowledge gap. NIGP's coursework aligns with the UPPCC's body of knowledge by domain.</p> <p>VIEW BOK-C ALIGNMENT</p>	<h3>5 Months Before Exam</h3> <p>Review BOK and Choose Courses</p>
<p>NIGP's CPPO and CPPB prep courses are available online and in-person. They address key information on topics identified in the UPPCC BoK-C and can help you identify areas you need to continue studying.</p> <p>VIEW CPPO COURSES</p> <p>VIEW CPPB COURSES</p>	<h3>4 Months Before Exam</h3> <p>Take a Prep Course</p>
<p>Now that you know your strengths and weakness, it's time to study! Form a small study group to get unique topic perspectives, and follow our study guide for helpful tips and advice.</p> <p>READ STUDY GUIDE</p>	<h3>3 Months Before Exam</h3> <p>Study</p>
<p>Take the online assessment tool again to see where you have made progress and which areas still need development.</p>	<h3>2 Months Before Exam</h3> <p>Re-assess</p>
<p>Use the three volumes of animated online flashcards for a fun and quick way to master essential procurement terms and definitions from the NIGP Dictionary.</p>	<h3>1 Month Before Exam</h3> <p>Personal Study Time</p>

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NIGP Certified Procurement Professional (NIGP-CPP)



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Contract Administration

Sourcing and Solicitation

Leadership

Business Principles

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JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES - STEP UP TO THE NIGP-CPP



UPCOMING NIGP-CPP WEBINARS

JAN
18

Webinar - NIGP Certified Procurement Professional: A Proven Pathway That Invests in Your Long-Term Career Growth

Webinar

MAR
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Get to Know Pathways

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Core Certificates



Designations

SPECIALIZATIONS



Learn more at <https://www.nigp.org/learning/what-is-pathways>.

Membership Meeting Minutes December 10, 2021

Start: 12:02 PM

Ended: 12:37 PM

Welcome – Damaris Nazario, President

- Community Service Presentation – Chris Coghill
 - Orlando Fisher House, one of 91+ comfort homes across the United States built by the Fisher House Foundation. Military and Veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving medical treatment. The Orlando Fisher House is a 16-suite comfort home located at the Orlando VA Medical Center at Lake Nona, serving the following Central Florida counties: Seminole, Orange, Osceola, Lake, Volusia and Brevard.

Old Business

- Secretary's Report and Approval of Previous Minutes – Katrina Ponzini
 - Motion to approve by Tabatha Freedman, Seconded by John Schmidt
 - No Discussion
 - Motion Passed
- Treasurer's Report and Approval – Ramandeep Mann
 - Reconciled Statements for September, October, and November 2021
 - Motion to approve by Annmarie Wise, Seconded by Lisa Kesecker
 - No Discussion
 - Motion Passed
- Vice President's Report – Tabatha Freedman
 - Programming Updates (2022)
 1. In-person and possibly virtual at the same time
 2. January 28, 2022 Chapter Meeting
 - Dover Shores Community Center, 408 and I-4
 - Officer Induction
 - ARPA Funding by Jo-Anne Drury, CPA, CGFO, City of Groveland Finance Director
 3. March 25, 2022 Workshop
 - May be at Dover Shores Community Center
 - Workshop TBD
 4. May 6, 2022 Chapter Meeting
 - Renaissance Center
 - Scholarship Updates
 1. Special Scholarship Application (First Scholarship Form)
 - Two years, 2020 and 2021
 - Limited application focusing on Chapter engagement
 - Located on our website

The Central Florida Chapter of NIGP works to promote and support the professional development of its diverse membership and strives to maintain the highest standard of ethics, integrity, public trust and awareness in the public procurement profession.

CFC NIGP
Membership Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2021
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- Committee Lists and RTS attendance on our website
 - Backup documentation REQUIRED
 - Due NO LATER than January 31, 2021
 - Late applications are not accepted
2. Scholarship Deferment (Second Scholarship Form)
- The Scholarship Deferment Survey is available to members that are listed on the Scholarship Log and is posted on the Central Florida Chapter of NIGP website and will close on December 15th of the current year. <https://www.cfcnigp.org/insidepages/surveys>
 - Members shall respond to and complete in its entirety a Scholarship Deferment Survey and submit online in order for Awarded scholarship dollars to be carried forward (deferred) and accumulated by the member for future use.
3. Scholarship Funds to Community Service Initiative
- Use of existing funds
 - \$460.00 provided by our members
4. Proposed donation of \$500.00 to the Orlando Fisher House
- \$460.00 provided by our members and \$40.00 from the Chapter
 - Motion to approve by Annmarie Wise, Seconded by Chris Coghill
 - No Discussion
 - Motion Passed
- President's Report – Damaris Nazario
 - RTS Updates
 1. RTS was virtual for the first time this year, smaller attendance
 2. Even though less total dollars were made, the per dollar amount per vendor was higher
 3. The virtual platform received better reviews and feedback than live events in the past
 4. Approximately \$20,000.00 was made, 5 Diamond Sponsors at \$1,000.00/each, 14 Gold Sponsors at \$500.00/each
 5. Proposal that funds made from this year's RTS will go towards Chapter Scholarship Application recipients for both 2020 and 2021, combined
 - Motion to approve by Chris Coghill, Seconded by John Schmidt
 - Discussion regarding how RTS funds were used in the past, always used towards scholarship recipients, minus expenses which we did not have this year
 - Motion Passed

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- Buyer of the Year and Manager of the Year Applications
 1. Applications available on the Central Florida Chapter of NIGP website (Documents and Files -> Member Awards)

New Business

- Proposed Budget
 - Complete prior to January this year by Damaris Nazario, Tabatha Freedman, Ramandeep Mann, and Sean Hynes
 - Proposal to adopt the Proposed Budget
 1. Motion to approve by Tabatha Freedman, Seconded by Chris Coghill
 2. No Discussion
 3. Motion Passed
- Committee/Task Force(s) – Updates from Chairs
- Pro-D
 - No classes scheduled yet
 - In-person classes available, will be switched to virtual if registration is low
 - If interested in hosting a class, please reach out to Lisa Kesecker
- Study Groups
 - Currently on hold for the holidays
 - New group available in January 2022
 - If interested in participating, please reach out to Chris Coghill
- Internship/Externship
 - Judith Ambrosi and Diane Reed to participate on committee
 - UCF Job Shadow Program to be held December 14-16, 2021, great opportunity to reach out to college students regarding the procurement profession
 - If interested in participating, please reach out to John Schmidt
- Job Postings
 - Senior Buyer, Polk County BCC
 - Procurement Agent II, City of Port St. Lucie
 - Procurement Agent III, City of Port St. Lucie
 - Director, Purchasing and Distribution Services, Seminole County Public Schools
 - Contracting Agent (6 Positions), Orange County Government
 - Gainesville Regional Utilities will have 2 Procurement Specialist positions available in the near future, levels I – III depending on education and experience

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- Other New Business
 - NASPO Procurement U offering FREE Certification Prep in 2022, available in late January 2022, sign up for notification once classes are available,
https://naspo.formstack.com/forms/prep_course_available_notification
 - Pathways Workforce Development Scholarships Available, be one of 20 winners of a \$1,250.00 scholarship, applications due December 15, 2021,
<https://www.nigp.org/learning/scholarship-fund>
 - State of the Chapter presentation to follow membership meeting

Chapter Meeting Is Adjourned, 12:37 PM

- Motion to approve by Dana Gauthier, Seconded by Katrina Ponzini

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Membership Meeting Agenda

January 28, 2022

12:00 PM Registration and Lunch

12:30 PM Chapter Business Meeting

1:00 PM Presentation(s)

Welcome – Damaris Nazario, President

Introductions, Welcome Guests & Recognition of New Members

Installation of 2022/23 Officers - Carrie Mathes

Past President, Presentation of Gavel

Old Business

Secretary's Report and Approval of Previous Minutes – Katrina Ponzini

Treasurer's Report and Approval – Sean Hynes

Vice President's Report – Chris Coghill

Programming Updates

Scholarship Updates

President's Report – Tabatha Freedman

Buyer of the Year & Manager of the Year applications

Amazon Smile

Venue

Chapter Logo

Committees

New Business

Committee/Task Force(s) – Updates from Chairs

Legislative

Pro-D

Study Groups

Internship/Externship/Mentoring

Community Services

Open Floor

Recognition of New Certifications

Job Postings, Announcements, New Positions, Purchasing News

Other New Business

Chapter Meeting Is Adjourned

2022 CHAPTER MEETING DATES

January 28th

March 25th

May 6th

July 15th

September 23rd

December 9th

January 28th LUNCH MENU

Boxed Lunches

2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

Reverse Trade Show

November 9th

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