



Official Chapter **NIGP** The Institute for Public Procurement

PURCHASING TIMES

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NIGP PATHWAYS

It's your journey. Pathways is our new learning and recognition program that allows procurement professionals to design a flexible educational path that fits any schedule and budget.

[Click Here](#) to learn more!

NIGP VIRTUAL FORUM

August 20 – 24, 2022 – In person

August 22 – 24, 2022 – Virtual

All attendees receive 20.5 Contact Hours

[Click here to register!](#)

Imagine new possibilities.
**NIGP
FORUM
2022**
**A Forum for
connecting,
innovating,
and growing.**

LET US KNOW!

As NIGP's Forum rapidly approaches, the Board would like to hear from you about how we can best serve those attending and how we can help those interested in attending, but facing obstacles.

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NIGP VCON

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June 8 -9 | 12:30 – 5PM (ET)

Special Savings

All NIGP Members qualify for a special 50% savings on the registration fee when you register by June 3.

[Register Today!](#)



This all-virtual conference focuses on developing the critical skills you need for career longevity and progression.

- Emotional Intelligence - the ability to read the personality style of individuals and adjust your communications
- Critical Thinking - understanding the world in which we live through analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating information
- Managing Your Time & Energy - discover which time-wasting traps to avoid in order to show up at your best
- Communication, Collaboration and Active Listening - learn how to maximize your results in all forms of communication including verbal, nonverbal, electronic, phone, email, generational, and social media.
- Presentation Skills - making a positive first impression and projecting a professional image
- Resilience & Adaptability - being equipped with the skills you need to bounce back and better adapt to change.

46% of new employees fail within 18 months, and of them, 89% is due to a lack of soft skills.*

*Survey conducted by The Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM)

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

The Awards and Scholarship Committee completed their review and awarded the following members scholarships for 2022. Winners will receive an email with their certificate and award amount shortly. Congratulations!

If you were awarded a 2021 scholarship, it's not too late! You have until June 30th to utilize the funds. Don't let that money go to waste!

2022 OkAPP Scholarship Winners

CA

CHENOA AVENS
ODOT

DL

DAVID L. YOUNG
Union Public Schools

JV

JOHN D. VEAL JR.
US Small Business
Administration

SJ

STEVEN JOHNSON
City of Tulsa

WB

WHITNEY BROESEL
City of Oklahoma City

DG

DAISY GULLEY
OU Health Science
Center

KF

KENYA FREELEN
OK Department of
Corrections

AR

AUSTIN ROSENTHAL
Northeastern State
University

MD

MARQUETTA
DICKENSON
Office of the Attorney
General

LP

LEAH PRICE
Department of
Corrections

BW

BRANDI WOLFF
The University of
Oklahoma

NIGP CERTIFIED PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL

NIGP's Certified Procurement Professional designation (NIGP-CPP) targets current and aspiring leaders in the public procurement profession. The program offers unique attributes when compared to other procurement-related professional certifications:

- It is the only certification that is anchored in the Public Procurement Competency Framework. The Framework is rooted in research produced by the Volcker Alliance that seeks effective public service through workforce competencies.
- It is the only certification that specifically targets mid to executive level procurement leaders in the public sector.
- It is the only certification that integrates with NIGP's Pathways program featuring competency development within 33 learning modules.
- It is the only competency-based certification built on a modular exam that expands beyond public procurement's technical aspects and assesses the more holistic competencies needed to be successful leader within a public entity, embracing elements of leadership, business principles, and procurement strategy.

TOP REASONS TO GET CERTIFIED

STAND OUT AND GET HIRED

- 74% of hiring managers agree that they are more likely to hire a person who has certification

ENHANCE JOB PERFORMANCE

- 71% of hiring managers agree that certified employees know what is required to do their jobs

GET PROMOTED

- 63% of hiring managers say that employees who are certified are more likely to get promoted

• BECOME A RECOGNIZED EXPERT

- 74% of hiring managers believe that certified employees have greater expertise

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