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Procurement Newsletter for The First State

NIGP Chapter #77



President's Message



Chapter Members,

On Thursday, July 30th, the chapter held its highly anticipated second quarter meeting at the prestigious Delaware Public Archives. The venue provided a unique and captivating backdrop for the gathering, giving attendees a glimpse into the rich history and historic artifacts preserved in the State of Delaware.

As we work thru this year, it is important to acknowledge and congratulate the new and returning Chapter officers who have dedicated their time and efforts to lead this respective association. Being a Chapter officer is a position of great responsibility as these individuals play a crucial role in shaping the direction and success of DPPA. As we look ahead to the new year, I have no doubt that with their leadership our chapter will continue to thrive and make a positive impact in our community. Congratulations, once again, and I wish you all the best in your journey as chapter officers.

Finally, most of us know how important it is for Area 2 Chapters to support one another at our different events and activities. Collaboration and unity among chapters not only strengthens the bond within the region but also fosters growth and success for all involved. This year we currently have 8 members attending the PAPP conference in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and hopefully we can show the same support to Washington DC Chapter next year.

Take care and hope to see you all in October.

Kimberly Jones

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DID YOU KNOW?



The great state of Delaware , the Delaware River and the Delaware Bay were all named after Thomas West, the Lord De La Warr who was a English nobleman and he was also the first governor of Virginia. (1576—1618)



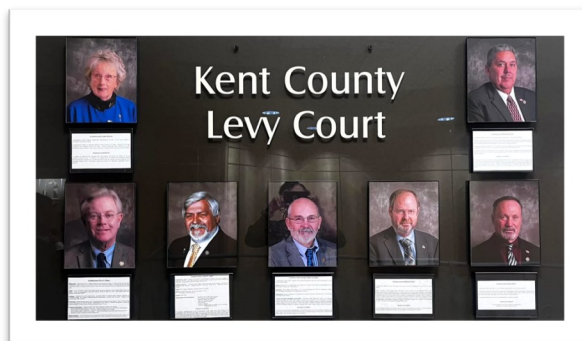
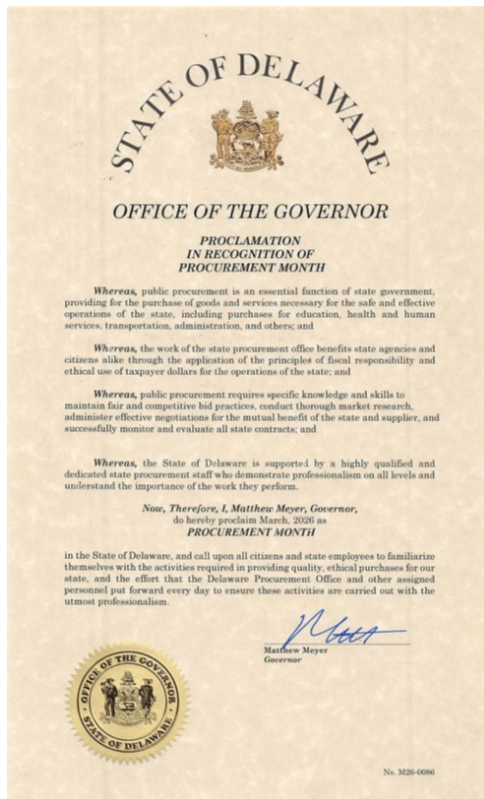
Chapter News & Updates

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

“Delaware Chapter Celebrates Procurement Month”

In recognition of Procurement Month, the chapter was honored with proclamations from Governor Matt Meyer, Mayor Robin Christiansen, and the Executives of the Kent County Levy Court.

On March 10, 2026, chapter members attended the Kent County Levy Court session where we received formal acknowledgment from the Levy Court Executives.



Chapter News & Updates

“2026 CHAPTER MEETINGS”

New Castle County Courthouse Museum

First Quarter – March 2026

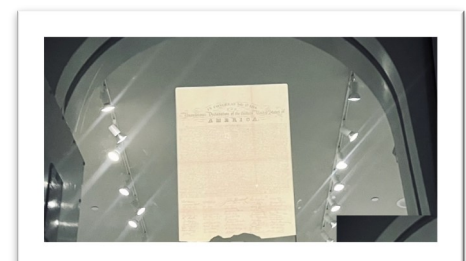
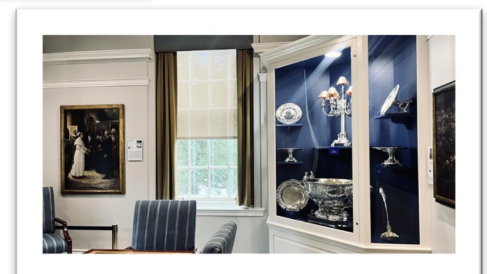


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State of Delaware Public Archives

Second Quarter– July 2026



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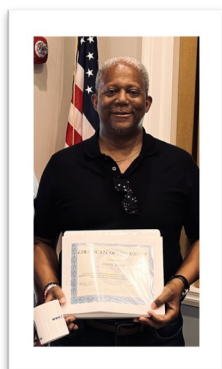
“CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ... STEADY AS SHE GOES”



By Barry Wolfgang, Membership Chairperson

As membership chair, I am pleased to report that membership levels have remained stable compared to the previous year, with a total of 37 members, comprising 35 paid members and 2 retired members. This consistent membership has facilitated the filling of previously vacant positions that suffered from a shortage of volunteers. Additionally, the influx of new members has brought fresh perspectives, ideas, and innovative approaches to our activities and events, enriching our community. I extend my gratitude to all who assisted with the recruitment of our new members.

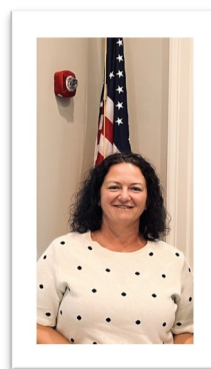
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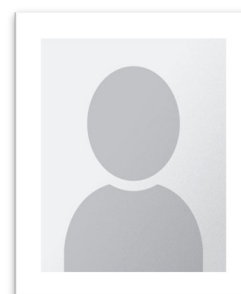


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Delaware Department of Transportation



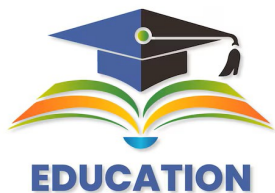
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MaryBeth Harrington

*Could not attend Meeting

Welcome
New Members



“Professional Certification for Public Procurement Professionals”

Facilitated By;

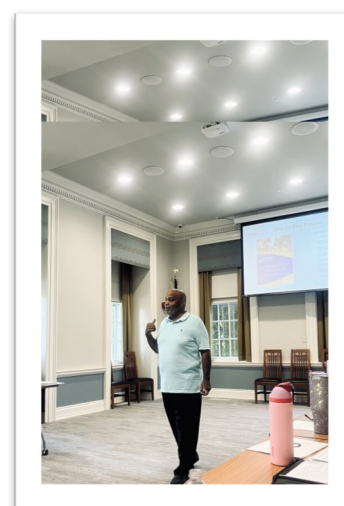
John Flynn, CPPO, CPPB, NIGP=CPP

During the second quarter chapter meeting it was a distinct honor to present "**Certification for Public Procurement Professionals**" alongside Kimberly Cuffee and Clifton Crawford. During this session we discussed briefly the requirements and differences of the CPPO, CPPB and NIGP-CPP certifications. The advantages of obtaining professional certification are substantial; it not only showcases your expertise but also enhances your credibility, broadens your procurement knowledge, and can facilitate career advancement by qualifying you for promotions, leadership roles, and increased responsibilities. Essentially, professional procurement certification transcends being merely a credential; it represents a strategic investment in your knowledge, credibility, career, and capacity to provide greater value to your organization.

From our own experiences, we have observed how certification can lead to both personal and professional development. We strongly encourage all DPPA members to consider certification as a significant opportunity to enhance their expertise and advance their professional trajectories.

For those contemplating this path, we are more than willing to provide support and guidance as you embark on the journey to enhance your skills and realize your aspirations.

Please do not hesitate to reach out anytime and we will be happy to assist.





D-Clip: Helping You Keep Your Contracts On Track



D-CLIP SAYS: DON'T FORGET THE CONTRACT AFTER THE AWARD!



★ The procurement doesn't end when the contract is awarded! ★

Hello Buyers,

D-Clip here with a reminder: **the procurement doesn't end when the contract is awarded!**

Once a contract is in place, there are still important activities to manage—**vendor performance, reporting, contract changes, extensions, documentation, and eventually closeout.**

To help, we're introducing new **Contract Management Documents** designed to give contract managers practical tools to stay organized throughout the life of a contract.



1 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT CHECKLIST

- Your contract management roadmap.
- Covers key activities after award, including vendor compliance, performance monitoring, reporting, deliverables, financial activity, contract changes, extensions, records, and preparing for expiration or closeout.



2 CONTRACT MODIFICATION LOG

- Central place to track amendments, extensions, price adjustments, and project change orders.
- Helps you keep track of vendor-specific amendment numbers, effective dates, and changes—because not every vendor moves through the same amendment sequence.



3 CONTRACT CLOSEOUT CHECKLIST

- Helps confirm that nothing gets left behind.
- Confirms deliverables, final invoices and payments, vendor performance, outstanding issues, records, and other obligations have been addressed before closing the contract.



D-CLIP'S TIP

A well-managed contract is more than a file with an expiration date. Use these tools throughout the contract lifecycle to help stay ahead of deadlines, document important decisions, and make the next procurement a little easier.

Keep an eye out for these new resources on the [Agency Bid Process Forms page on MyMarketplace](#).



★ D-CLIP: HELPING YOU KEEP YOUR CONTRACTS **ON TRACK**, FROM AWARD TO CLOSEOUT!



**STRONG PARTNERSHIPS
BETTER OUTCOMES**



**PROCUREMENT
WITH INTEGRITY**



**DELIVERING VALUE
FOR DELAWARE**

GSS

**GOVERNMENT
SUPPORT SERVICES
DELAWARE**



DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL 390– AMENDMENT TO TITLE 29

Delaware House Bill 390 – 2025–2026 Legislative Session

HB 390 is a 2025–2026 bill in the Delaware General Assembly that amends **Title 29 of the Delaware Code** to update rules for **electronic submission of bids and bid openings** in government procurement

Purpose and Scope

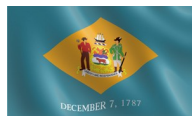
The bill clarifies that **agencies may, at their discretion, choose the bid submission method** – including limiting bidding to **solely electronic submissions**. It allows agencies to use their own chosen electronic platform for bidding and bid opening

Key Provisions

- **Electronic-only bidding:** If an agency limits bidding to electronic submissions, it is **not required** to provide a physical “anchor location” for public attendance at the bid opening. Instead, results must be posted **in real time** via the agency’s chosen electronic remote hosting platform
- **Results posting:** Agencies must post bid results to their website within **two business days**
- **No newspaper ads:** If an agency submits advertisements to the state’s electronic procurement advertising system (§ 6902(12)), a printed newspaper advertisement is not required
- **Contract award extensions:** Agencies and awarded bidders may mutually agree to extend the time limit for awarding a contract
- **Paper submissions:** The substitute version adds that agencies must accept paper bids when the solicitation/request for proposal is **over \$500,000** but under the OMB annual guidance threshold, and that the **State’s centralized computer system** (administered by the Section of Government Support Services) will serve as the official system of record

And Finally.....

Did you know we are **ALL** leaders in some form or fashion?



LEADERSHIP

What is leadership?

Leadership is the act of guiding a team or individual to achieve a certain goal through direction and motivation.

Benefits of strong leadership skills are:

You can recognize quickly your strengths and weaknesses

You can better understand your agency's direction

You can increase the motivation of your team

You can unify you team

The top qualities of effective leaders are:

Flexibility Empathy

Decisiveness Communication

2026 -2027

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Are You A Member of NIGP ??

Some of the many membership benefits are:

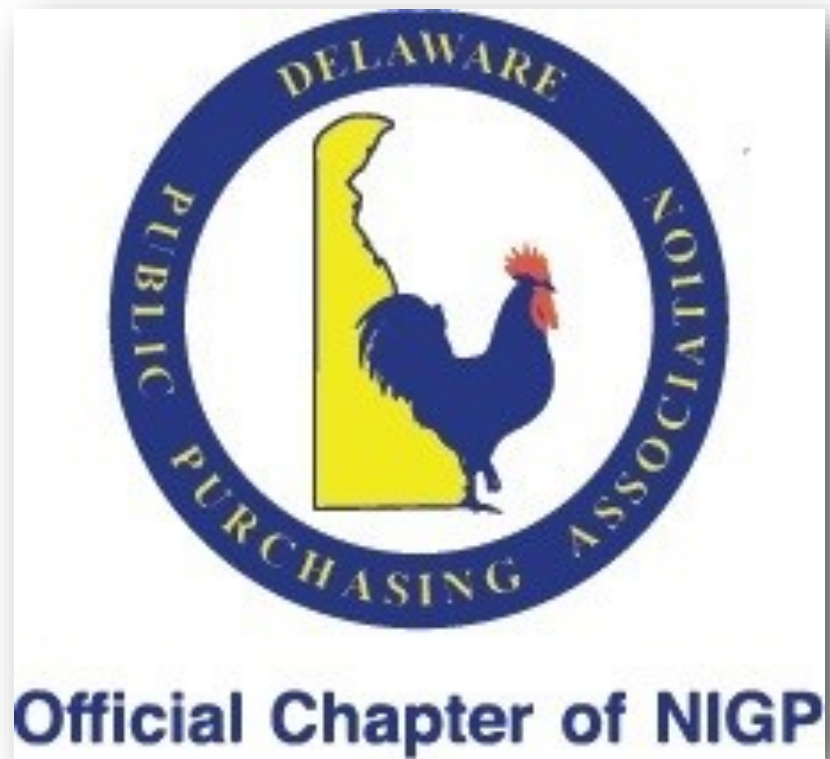
- ◆ Tools to support your day to day activities.
- ◆ Online document library containing thousands of RFP's
- ◆ Member discounts on all educational programs and classes
- ◆ Various procurement resources
- ◆ 18 free webinars on relevant, real world trending procurement topics
- ◆ Study Tools to help you prepare for your certification or recertification
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