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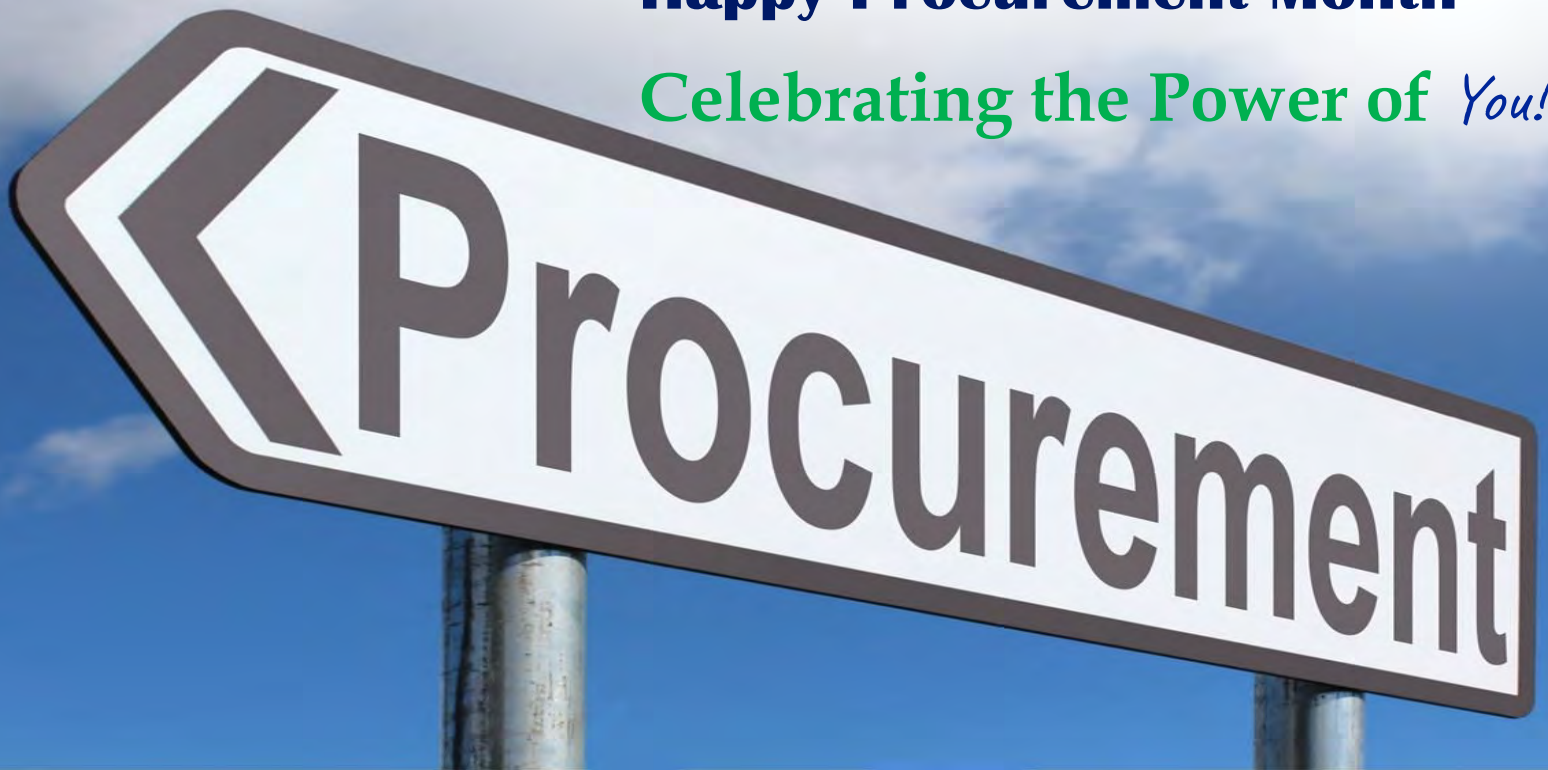
Newsletter

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Happy Procurement Month

Celebrating the Power of *You!*



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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	The Central Florida Chapter of NIGP shall adhere to the following core values: 1. Ethics 2. Integrity 3. Professionalism 4. Diversity 5. Education and Professional Growth 6. Service to Stakeholders



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Chapter Members,

Happy Procurement Month Chapter Members!

Procurement Month. In March, we proudly recognize the professionals who make a meaningful impact in the field of procurement. Procurement Month provides an opportunity to educate elected officials, administrators, our communities, and vendors about the critical role procurement plays and the exceptional work our members perform every day. It is a time to honor the dedication, integrity, and professionalism of purchasing staff across government agencies and private organizations.

To all procurement professionals — thank you for your commitment, resilience, and unwavering service. You truly make a difference.

If your Governing Body recognizes your agency for Procurement Month, please send a copy of your proclamation to secretary@cfcnigp.org for inclusion in the next newsletter. We would love to recognize all the achievements of our agencies and members! Also, please let us know of any other awards.

March Membership Meeting and Workshop. Please join us on Friday, March 13th, 2026, for our Chapter Membership Meeting and Spring Workshop. Our very own David Nash will be presenting Critical Thinking – A Critical Skill and “Surely We Can Trust the Boss, Can’t We”? (Worth 4 contact hours). Workshop pricing is \$20 for virtual and in-person attendance. The Chapter Membership Meeting is at 9:00 AM. Spring Workshop is between 10 AM – 3 PM. Register at [March 13, 2026 Membership Meeting and Workshop - Events - Central Florida Chapter of NIGP](#).

Awards. Join us at our March Membership Meeting to congratulate our annual Buyer, Manager, and Volunteer of the Year award winners!

Pro-D Opportunities Scholarships. Congratulations to our scholarship winners! We started the year off strongly with FREE Pro-D Opportunities Scholarships for 6 Chapter Members to attend NIGP FORUM (In-Person). NIGP FORUM (Virtual) Pro-D Opportunities Surveys close on March 9, 2026. RTS Room opportunities are on website. NIGP FORUM winners will be announced at the Chapter Meeting.

Reverse Trade Show. Join us on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Orlando Theme Park Resort! Don’t forget you can use scholarship points! Registration is available on our website. Be on the lookout for room giveaways on our website. Marketing materials will be provided to you soon.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

NCPP Above & Beyond Awards. March's National Procurement Month is approaching and NCPP will rolling out the nomination period next week for the annual Above & Beyond Awards. It would be great to have some nominations from Central Florida! Twelve individuals and 3 teams will be recognized throughout that month, and this is where you come in - we need your nomination! Please take the time to nominate that person, manager or peer who really goes Above & Beyond in their procurement role. Or that team that truly makes a difference for the entire organization - there is a chance to recognize them too!

Nomination period just opened and here is the [link to the form](#) which includes a display of previous winners. Everyone complains that procurement doesn't get enough recognition and thanks - here's your chance to make that happen for someone! Deadline: March 16, 2026

Scholarship Log. If you have completed a 2025 Scholarship Application, points should be on the Scholarship Log by the March Membership and Workshop. Thank you for your patience as our team members work diligently reviewing your applications!

Mentoring Committee. If you are interested in being a mentor or a mentee, please contact Chair Fatima Calkins at FatimaCalkins@yahoo.com. Do you have questions or answers on procurement or Chapter matters? This is a great opportunity to build a relationship with another member! We are looking for both mentors and mentees.

NIGP Leadership Summit 2026. On February 18-21, 2026, NIGP held the Leadership Summit in Tucson, Arizona, providing development for our current and future leaders. The summit was broken out into 3 areas: 1) senior and experienced leaders; 2) chapter leaders; and 3) emerging leaders. Central Florida Chapter had representation in all three areas by many members! This is a highly recommended event for your professional leadership development.

Engagement. I want to encourage members to evaluate talents and strengths and identify if there are any committees or task forces opportunities that you would be willing to volunteer for in 2026. Committee chair, member, and RTS 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!

Thank you!

Luis A Aviles, CPPO, CPPB, FCCM

2026-2027 President

president@cfcnigp.org

OFFICER MESSAGES

Happy Procurement Month!

I hope everyone is planning on celebrating their teams in some fashion! We hope you will join us for our Spring Workshop on Friday, March 13th where David Nash will be our guest speaker! We have lots to look forward to at our upcoming May, July, September Workshop, and December meeting as well! I will be creating the event pages very soon! We hope you can join us for one – or all – of the events!



**Nick Canjar, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB
CFC NIGP Vice President**

Hello CFC Family,



In 2026, it is an honor to begin my role as your Chapter Treasurer. I would like to thank all of the previous Board Members throughout the years for their time, sacrifices, and leadership that have made the Central Florida Chapter one of the best in class in the national arena. Your new board stands on their accomplishments and leadership. A special thank you to Tabitha who has been a steadfast guiding light for the Chapter for the last decade plus. I want to personally thank Sean, your previous Chapter Treasurer, for all the training and guidance he provided me to get me acclimated to the position. I am excited to see the future of our Chapter and our wonderful members.

**Angela L. Thomas, MBA, CPPB
CFC NIGP Treasurer**

Happy Procurement Month!

I hope everyone will be planning activities to celebrate Procurement month! Don't forget to take pictures to capture the excitement and special camaraderie to share in the next newsletter.

We will have our Chapter Meeting on March 13, 2026 where we will have our Spring workshop featuring David Nash, scheduled to take place from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Also, please be sure to check out our Pro-D opportunities on the website! If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of the other officers!



**Yanique Reddick, FCCM
CFC NIGP Secretary**

Hey, All!

Happy Procurement Month!



It's been two years since I served as the Chapter's Secretary, but I AM BACK!!

I am truly excited to serve as the Talent Council Chair and to help champion the continued growth of our volunteer community. This role presents a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our recruitment and retention efforts, support a more connected and engaged group of volunteers, and ensure that every individual feels valued for the impact they make. I look forward to collaborating with our team to elevate our strategies, celebrate our shared successes, and build an environment where volunteer talent can thrive.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on any of our committees, please reach out to me.

I look forward to serving our Chapter again for the next two years!

Katrina Ponzini , M.Ed., CPCM, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB, FCCM
CFC Talent Council Chair



I am thrilled to take on the role of Member Council Chair and to work alongside all of you.

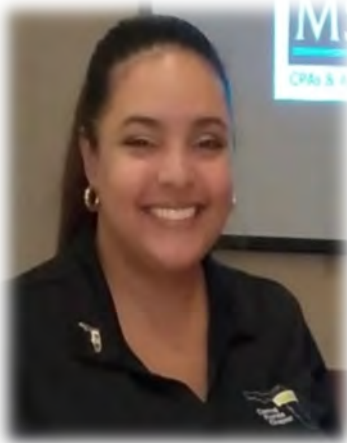
Happy Procurement Month! This is the perfect time to recognize and celebrate the incredible impact our profession makes every day. I look forward to seeing you at the March 13, 2026, Chapter Meeting and Workshop as we come together to learn, connect, and celebrate our achievements.

In the weeks and months ahead, you can expect new communications, engaging opportunities, and ways to share your voice and expertise.

I welcome your ideas, questions, and feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for being an essential part of our chapter and contributing to our shared success.

Milly "Meegee" Medina
CFC NIGP Member Council Chair



Hello,

I am very excited to be engaged as the Fundraiser Council Chair for the Chapter. Our big fundraiser event that supports our scholarship fund is the Reverse Trade Show. It is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando Theme Park Resort, same venue as last year in Orlando, FL. Vendor registration is active on our website. Soon you will be notified of the RTS room raffle and agency registration. Contact me for volunteer opportunities, virtually and in person the day of the event. Together we will make this year another success!!!!

Damaris Nazario, MBA, CPPB, NIGP-CPP, FCCM
Fundraiser Council Chair

Welcome 2026 – 2027 Officers & Council Chairs

President

Luis A. Aviles, CPPO, CPPB

Vice President

James (Nick) Canjar, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB, FCCM

Treasurer

Angela (Angie) Thomas, MBA, CPPB

Secretary

Yanique Reddick



Member Council Chair

Milli Medina

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Katrina Ponzini, M. Ed., CPCM, NIGP-CPP, CPPB

Fundraising Council Chair

Damaris Nazario, MBA, CPPB, NIGP-CPP, FCCM



January 2026 Meeting Recap

At our January meeting, we had the opportunity to hear from an outstanding panel of colleagues who shared valuable insights and best practices regarding evaluation committees during an engaging presentation and discussion. It was incredibly informative to learn how various agencies structure and manage their evaluation committees, as well as the unique challenges they navigate along the way. The open dialogue and exchange of ideas made for a dynamic and impactful session.

A special thank you to Kristen Collora, Jennifer Deveaux, Jennifer Ditslear, Jason Meinert, Dawn Richer, and Summer Wyllie-Vitt for serving on the panel and generously sharing your expertise with our group. Your perspectives and professionalism truly elevated the conversation.



PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE MESSAGE

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Day and Date	Times	Type	Event	Topic
Friday, March 13, 2026	9:00 - 3:00	In-person & virtual	Spring Workshop	Guest Speaker: David Nash 2 Sessions: • Critical Thinking - A Critical Skill": How to solve problems by thinking critically. • Surely We Can Trust the Boss, Can't We?
Friday, May 22, 2026	12:00 - 2:00	In-person & virtual	Chapter Membership Meeting	Guest Speaker: Dr. Brian Robinson Topic: How to maintain motivation in uncertain times
Friday, July 17, 2026	12:00 - 2:00	In-person & virtual	Chapter Membership Meeting	Guest Speaker: Darin Matthews Topic: Procurement Fraud
Friday, September 18, 2026	9:00 - 3:00	In-person & virtual	Fall Workshop	Guest Speaker: Kirk Buffington Topic: To Be Announced
Wednesday, November 4, 2026	8:30 - 3:30	In-Person	Reverse Tradeshow	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at SeaWorld.
Friday, December 4, 2026	12:00 - 2:00	In-person & virtual	Chapter Membership Meeting	Guest Speaker: VP Nick Canjar Topic: State of the Chapter

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Chapter

SPRING WORKSHOP

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER

DAVID NASH



DAVID NASH

**Friday, March 13, 2026
10:00am – 3:00pm**

Renaissance Senior Center

3800 S Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando, FL 32829

 **Critical Thinking –
A Critical Skill**

 **Surely We Can Trust
the Boss, Can't We?"**

**Worth
4 Contact
Hours!**

 **\$20 Per Person** In-Person and/or Virtual
• Lunch Included for **in-person**
Business Meeting at 9:00am

**REGISTER AT:
www.cfcnigp.org**



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 2026



FEATURING

Dr. Brian Robinson

Deputy City Manager, Palm Bay

**"How to Maintain Motivation
in Uncertain Times"**



Friday, May 22, 2026



Noon – 2:00 PM



Renaissance Senior Center
3800 S Econlockhatchee Trail
Orlando, FL 32829



Networking Lunch at 12:00 PM



Business Meeting at 12:30 PM



Presentation at 1:00 PM

In-Person Registration



\$15.00

Includes Lunch!

Virtual Attendance



FREE!

✓ Register at:
www.cfcnigp.org

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT UPDATE

Hello Chapter Members!

The chapter is always looking for ways to give back to the community.

If you have any service events or charities you'd like us to consider, please contact Arima Santana at santanaar@seminolestate.edu or (407) 708-2174.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Arima Santana

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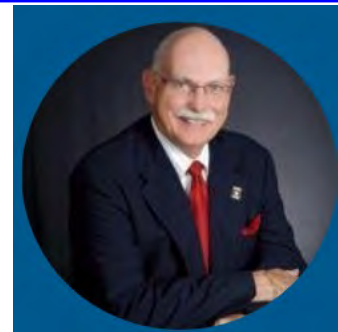
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Accepted by / Logged / Date:		
<i>Not eligible for scholarship points unless signed by Community Services & Scholarship Chairs</i>		
Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your support!		

CERTIFICATION SUPPORT



The David Nash Question of the Day is now powered by A Posteriori, LLC. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of David Nash, QOTD has been an essential tool for almost 8,000 procurement professionals as they journey toward certification. The QOTD team is thrilled to continue this mission with a new look: an automated emailed daily question that connects users to mentors dedi-

<https://www.davidnashqotd.com/>

For those curious individuals, yes, David will continue supporting Question of the Day and be part of the 1:1 coaching!

MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

A Call to Our Procurement Community

We are at our best when we learn from each other. When we share our stories. When we lift others as we climb. The Procurement Mentoring Program is an invitation to do exactly that.

Whether you choose to mentor, be mentored, or both, your participation

ble to give, and something meaningful to gain your graphic is ready now

This is your moment to step forward. *This is your chance to grow – and*

Join the Procurement Mentoring Program and be part of building a stron

Let's continue building connections

Let's continue building connections and growing together in 2026!



Apply now!

Contact Info: Fatima F Calkins at Fatimacalkins@yahoo.com



Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Award: Exciting Opportunities Ahead for 2026

As the AEP Officer, I'm thrilled to announce that the 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award® (AEP) application process is officially open! This is the perfect time to showcase your agency's dedication to innovation, efficiency, and excellence in procurement practices. Each year, the AEP Award continues to inspire higher standards in public and non-profit procurement, as such, I extend the challenge to our chapter members to access the 2026 AEP Application at <https://www.npi-aep.org/application-submission-portal> and begin your internal assessment to determine how your procurement operations measures against the national standards prescribed in this award.

To all our applicants, whether returning or new to the process, I encourage you to take the next step in your pursuit of excellence. This year's journey promises new tools, opportunities, and a shared commitment to continuous improvement. I strongly recommend that your agency take advance of becoming or renewing as an NPI member, which provides access to the model submittals from the previous application cycle. These can be extremely helpful during the application process to review how successful applicants have crafted their criteria submittals. Additionally, the model submittals can be beneficial to your procurement operation when contemplating a continuous improvement plan. Learning from peers on how program implementations have occurred can be hugely beneficial in terms of efficiency and execution. Take advantage of this member benefit!

Let's make 2026 a banner year for procurement achievement. If you are new to the application process, send an email to aep@npiconnection.org to be connected with a mentor who can provide guidance and support in your pursuit of the AEP Award.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence, and best of luck with your applications!

Carrie Mathes, FNIGP, CFCM, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, C.P.M., CPPB, APP, FCCM
AEP Officer

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COURSE

Core Certificate: Foundations of Strategy and Policy

DATE: 04/14/2026 - 04/15/2026

START TIME: 8:00 AM Eastern Time

END TIME: 5:00 PM Eastern Time

HOSTED BY: Central Florida Chapter of NIGP

INSTRUCTOR: Ms. Denise E. Badillo, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB

LEVEL: Foundation

FORMAT: Virtual Instructor-Led

CONTACT HOURS: 17

CEUS: 1.7

FOCUS AREAS:

Core Certificate: Foundations of Strategy and Policy

Designated Public Procurement Associate

Enabling Regulations and Compliance

Ethics, Integrity and Transparency

Legislation & Legal Environment

Strategy

Mission and Public Benefit

Stakeholder engagement and strategic value demonstration are crucial skills for procurement professionals, fostering trust and success in their roles. NIGP's Core Certificate: Foundations of Strategy and Policy is a comprehensive activity-based learning experience focusing on legal, ethical, and strategic aspects of public procurement. This course equips learners with the necessary tools to navigate governmental entities effectively, enhancing their procurement functions. By mastering these skills, professionals boost their career growth, gaining confidence in executing procurement tasks aligned with legal and ethical standards.

Pricing: ?

Core Certificate: Foundations of Strategy and Policy (Member: Early) \$383.00

Core Certificate: Foundations of Strategy and Policy (Non-Member: Standard) \$579.00

(prices valid until Feb 13, 2026)

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COURSE

Specialization Certificate: Cloud Procurement

DATE: 04/28/2026 - 04/29/2026

START TIME: 8:00 AM Eastern Time

END TIME: 5:00 PM Eastern Time

HOSTED BY: Central Florida Chapter of NIGP

INSTRUCTOR: [Danny Mays](#), NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPSM, CPSD, CPPB

LEVEL: Advanced Practitioner

FORMAT: Virtual Instructor-Led

CONTACT HOURS: 16

CEUS: 1.6

FOCUS AREAS:

[Specializations](#)

[Specialization Certificate: Cloud Procurement](#)

Understanding the challenges of cloud technology and mastering skills in procurement is crucial for personal growth. NIGP's Specialization Certificate: Cloud Procurement is a practical learning experience focusing on cost savings, risk assessment, and effective negotiation strategies in cloud services. This course equips professionals with the knowledge to navigate the complexities of cloud procurement, enhancing their ability to advise, procure, and negotiate successfully. Acquiring these advanced skills is vital for career growth in the rapidly evolving field of technology procurement.

Pricing: ?

Specialization Certificate: Cloud Procurement (Member: Early) \$383.00

Specialization Certificate: Cloud Procurement (Non-Member: Standard) \$579.00

(prices valid until Feb 27, 2026)

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COURSE

Specialization Certificate: Construction Procurement

DATE: 06/09/2026 - 06/11/2026

START TIME: 8:00 AM Eastern Time

END TIME: 5:00 PM Eastern Time

HOSTED BY: Central Florida Chapter of NIGP

INSTRUCTOR: Ms. Carolyn L. Everett, CPPO, CPPB

LEVEL: Advanced Practitioner

FORMAT: Virtual Instructor-Led

CONTACT HOURS: 24

CEUS: 2.4

FOCUS AREAS:

Specializations

Specialization Certificate: Construction Procurement

Developing expertise in procurement of architect and engineering services and construction is crucial for navigating the complexities of public procurement. NIGP's Specialization Certificate: Construction Procurement is a comprehensive, activity-based learning experience that delves into the unique challenges of procuring professional design and construction services. This course equips professionals with essential skills in compliance, procurement best practices, and contract administration. By mastering advanced procurement techniques, participants can enhance their career prospects and become valuable assets in the field of public procurement.

Pricing: ?

Specialization Certificate: Construction

Procurement (Member: Early) \$536.00

Specialization Certificate: Construction

Procurement (Non-Member: Standard)

\$770.00

(prices valid until Apr 10, 2026)

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COURSE

Core Certificate: Foundations of Sourcing and Contracting

DATE: 06/23/2026 - 06/25/2026

START TIME: 8:00 AM Eastern Time

END TIME: 5:00 PM Eastern Time

HOSTED BY: Central Florida Chapter of NIGP

INSTRUCTOR: Ms. Bobbie Tolston, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB

LEVEL: Foundation

FORMAT: Virtual Instructor-Led

CONTACT HOURS: 24

CEUS: 2.4

FOCUS AREAS:

Core Certificate: Foundations of Sourcing and Contracting

Designated Public Procurement Associate

Sourcing and Solicitation

Evaluation Methods

Negotiations

Sourcing and Contracting Methods

Specification Development

Skills in sourcing, contracting, and negotiation are crucial for procurement professionals to excel and drive organizational success. NIGP's Core Certificate: Foundations of Sourcing and Contracting is a comprehensive, activity-based learning experience designed to equip entry-level professionals with the essential tools and strategies. This course enhances decision-making abilities, promotes best practices in procurement, and cultivates a deeper understanding of sourcing and contracting methodologies. By mastering these skills, professionals can elevate their career prospects, contribute effectively to their organizations, and become valuable assets in the procurement field.

Pricing: ?

Core Certificate: Foundations of Sourcing and Contracting (Member: Early) \$536.00

Core Certificate: Foundations of Sourcing and Contracting (Non-Member: Standard) \$770.00

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STEP UP TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CERTIFICATION

NIGP Certified Procurement Professional (NIGP-CPP)



WHY ATTAIN YOUR NIGP-CPP

2,100+ approved NIGP-CPP candidates and counting....

When NIGP launched the NIGP Certified Procurement Professional (NIGP-CPP) certification, we knew from research that a competency-based certification for procurement leaders was need and wanted. And, we are very happy with the success of this certification. This is in no small part to the amazing group of professionals, volunteers, and subject matter experts who worked hard to elevate the work that each of you do by building a whole new way to get recognized for your competencies, skills, and abilities.

WHY EARN THE NIGP-CPP

NIGP-CPP is one of several ways a procurement professional can be publicly recognized for the achievement of competencies. The program is offered by NIGP - the leading public procurement association that serves as a trusted advisor to more than 2,600+ public agencies and 17,300 public procurement professionals throughout North America.

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\$0 to Members [Join the NSite Community >](#)

For more information please visit: <https://www.nigp.org/certification/why-the-nigp-cpp>.



Membership Meeting Minutes Friday, January 23, 2026

Welcome – President Tabatha Freedman

Introductions, Welcome Guests & Recognition of New Members

- Melanie Lachmiller, The School District of Osceola County Florida, New Member
- Vertez Edmond GOAA, New Member
- Ali Bahsoon, Lynx, New Member

Installation of 2026-27 Officers and Council Chair Positions by Past Presidents Carrie Mathes and Denise Schneider

➤ **Council Chairs**

Milli "Meegee" Medina, Membership Council Chair
Damaris Nazario, Fundraiser Council Chair
Katrina Ponzini, Talent Council Chair

➤ **Officer's**

Luis Aviles, President
Nick Canjar, Vice President
Yanique Reddick, Secretary
Angela L. Thomas, Treasurer

Old Business

Secretary's Report and Approval of Previous Minutes- Yanique Reddick

- Meeting minutes from January 23, 2026, membership meeting was provided via e-mail and in the March 2026 newsletter.

Treasurer's Report and Approval – Angela Thomas

- Sent 2025 records to auditors, QuickBooks updated for 2025
- Membership 2026, available January 1, 2026. Reach out to Milli "Meegee" Medina with any questions/issues, there will be a future email highlighting members with missing information.
- Consent Agenda
- Item 1: Approval of Previous Minutes from December 5, 2025 Membership Meeting
- Item 2: Approval of Bank Reconciliations
 - Motion to approve
 - Damaris Nazario,
 - 2nd Arima Santana
 - No discussion
 - 5. Motion passes

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

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Vice President's Report—by Nick Canjar

Programming Updates

- Spring workshop with David Nash. In May, Dr. Robinson will be our Guest. Details coming soon

Scholarship Updates, application, and Log

- Scholarship due January 31, 2026
- Scholarship log up to date, no dollar value has been determined.

President's Report - President Luis Aviles

Buyer of the Year/Manager of the Year applications

- Applications are still open

Pro-D Scholarship Awards

- Applications are available online

Community Service

- Looking for more people to serve

Committees

- If anyone is interested the list is on the website. You can gain scholarship points which earn dollars.

Award

- If anyone is interested the list is on the website. You can gain scholarship points which earn dollars.

New Business

Committee/Task Force(s)- updates from Chairs

- No information to report

Community Services

- Please let Arima Santana know if you have any suggestions for future opportunities

Pro-D

- 1 member Under 40/1 member Over 40 and over for first time forum, 4 members for forum via Pro-D

Study Groups

- Heather K. Beaudry-To be determined

Mentoring

- See Fatima Calkins for mentoring information

Internship/Externship

- See John Schmidt to register for the UCF Expo, still waiting on Stetson. Shoutout to Public Sector. If interested in participating in any of these events, please reach out to John at john.schmidt@ocfl.net

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Open Floor

- Recognition of New Certifications- **None to report**
- Job Postings, Announcements, New Positions, Purchasing News- **Job opening for Orange County Government**

Chapter Meeting Is Adjourned

- Motion to approve
- Damaris Nazario
- Heidee Santiago-Rullan
- No discussion
- Motion passes

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA



March is Procurement Month!



Membership Meeting Agenda March 13, 2026 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

8:45 AM Registration
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Chapter Business Meeting
10:00 AM Workshop: David Nash (in-Person)
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Workshop: David Nash (In-Person)

Welcome – Luis Aviles , President

Introductions, Welcome Guests & Recognition of New Members

Old Business

Secretary's Report - Yanique Reddick
Procurement Month

Treasurer's Report - Angela Thomas
Reconciliations
Audit

Consent Agenda
1. Minutes from Previous Meeting
2. Bank Reconciliations

Vice President's Report—by Nick Canjar
Programming Updates
Scholarship Updates

President's Report - Luis Aviles
Awards

Council Chair Reports
Member Council - Milli Medina
Pro-D Scholarships
Fundraising - Damaris Nazario
RTS
Talent - Katrina Ponzini
Committees

New Business

Presidential Advisor - Appointment of Tabatha Freedman

Committee/Task Force(s) – Updates from Chairs
Internship/Externship/Mentoring
Legislative
Study Groups
Community Services

Open Floor

Recognition of New Certifications

Job Postings, Announcements, New Positions, Purchasing News

Other New Business

Chapter Meeting Is Adjourned

Meeting LUNCH MENU

Hot Lunch
***Chicken, veggies,
rice, salad & rolls***

2026 CHAPTER DATES

Spring Workshop
March 13th
Membership Meeting
May 22nd
Membership Meeting
Jul 17th
Fall Workshop
September 18th
Reverse Trade Show
(RTS)
November 4th
Membership Meeting
&
State of the Chapter
December 4th