Achievement of Excellence in Procurement®

2024 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® (AEP) Educational Series

Join the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® evaluation team for a series of FREE AEP Educational Sessions where we will review this year’s application and discuss a few of the more challenging criteria. These sessions will be interactive and allow participants to ask questions of the team.

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Format: 30-60 minute Zoom meetings  Time Zone: all meetings 11:00 a.m. PST

March 14 – Introduction to the program and application changes for 2024
Session objectives: Introduce AEP program for new applicants; demonstrate access and submission process for AEP portal; review changes to the 2024 application.

March 28 – Criterion 15 a & b - Sustainable Procurement Policy/Program and Sustainable Procurement Best Practices
Session objectives: Discuss importance of sustainable procurement; what is considered demonstration of implementing or moving towards implementing a strategic sustainable procurement program; discuss sustainable procurement best practices; review model submittals from prior year.

Criterion 10 Certification of CPO and Staff
Session objectives: Discuss importance of certifications in public procurement and how they serve to demonstrate a high level of professionalism and expertise; review certifications currently accepted for this criterion; discuss definition of “eligible professional staff”; review model submittals from prior year.  

April 11 - Criterion 7 - eProcurement and Automated Technology
Session objectives: Discuss eProcurement and automated technology to improve the internal procurement and solicitation processes and the benefits achieved for the agency and vendors/public; introduce AEP Certified eProcurement Solutions and the simplified application process for those utilizing these solution(s) review model submittals from prior year.

Criterion 16 – Cooperative Procurement Strategy
Session objectives: Discuss the importance of implementing a comprehensive cooperative procurement strategy; the value for agencies; appropriate use of cooperatives; review components of a successful approach; review model submittals from prior year.

April 25 - Wrap Up and Final Questions
Session objectives: Finalize submission process, Q&A, Upcoming calendar of events.

Thank you to our Educational Partner Axia Cooperative for their generous support allowing us to provide these sessions at no cost.