

PRESS RELEASE

NIGP Brings Consulting Program Back In-House to Support Growing Demand for Public Procurement Expertise

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Reston, VA — March 25, 2026—NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement today announced that NIGP Consulting will be brought back in-house as part of the organization’s continued commitment to strengthening public procurement and expanding services for its members.

The decision reflects the significant growth of the consulting practice and the Institute’s belief that integrating these services directly within NIGP will best position the organization to serve its members and the broader public procurement community.

Since 2022, NIGP Consulting has been managed in partnership with SOVRA. During that time, the consulting practice experienced meaningful growth, expanded its reach, and strengthened its reputation as a trusted advisory resource for public procurement agencies.

“This transition is a reflection of the success of the consulting practice,” said Debbie Trueblood, CEO of NIGP. “Under SOVRA’s management and partnership, the practice grew significantly. As demand for these services continues to expand, bringing NIGP Consulting back in-house allows us to more closely align consulting with the broader mission of NIGP, to focus on research and professional development initiatives.”

SOVRA will continue to serve as an important strategic partner to the Institute. “We are deeply grateful for the leadership and partnership SOVRA has provided,” said Fred Kuhn, Chief Growth Officer of NIGP, “Their work helped grow and strengthen the consulting practice, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration in other important areas.”

As part of the continued partnership, NIGP Code will remain under the stewardship of SOVRA, ensuring continuity and ongoing support for agencies that rely on the Code as a trusted framework for procurement policy and practice.

By integrating NIGP Consulting directly within the Institute, NIGP will strengthen the connection between consulting, education, certification, and research—further advancing its mission to support public procurement professionals and the communities they serve.

About NIGP

NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement is the premier association for public procurement professionals. Through education, certification, research, consulting, and community, NIGP supports more than 19,000 professionals working in public procurement across North America. NIGP is dedicated to advancing the profession and helping agencies deliver greater value to the communities they serve. Learn more at www.NIGP.org

About NIGP Consulting

NIGP Consulting provides specialized advisory services to state, local, and cooperative procurement organizations. Services include procurement transformation, organizational assessments, policy development, strategic sourcing guidance, and workforce capability development.

About SOVRA

SOVRA (formerly mdf commerce inc.) brings together over two decades of expertise, uniting the strengths of trusted brands like Bidnet Direct, Periscope, Ontopical, and MERX under one platform. Today, SOVRA connects more than one million suppliers with over 7,000 public sector agencies across North America, creating the largest, most dynamic procurement network on the continent. Focused on transparency, efficiency, and impact, SOVRA delivers modern public procurement solutions and strategic advisory services that help organizations strengthen performance, deliver greater public value and help suppliers grow. Learn more at www.SOVRA.com

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