



Nationally and internationally, March is celebrated as Procurement Month. It is a time to celebrate the procurement profession and to applaud the outstanding professionals who make a difference

in procurement efficiency and effectiveness. This past year was a year that challenged many of us and our traditional work method and environment. Many of you tackled working in a manner new to this profession at kitchen tables, home offices, and basements; alone and virtually. Through all this you were able to get bids issued, contracts awarded, purchase needed goods and services, continued receiving, and issuing payments. To our constituents the governmental procurement business continued seamlessly.

Rick Grimm, CEO, NIGP issued a special message to all public procurement professionals acknowledging the challenge and success of the professionals during this past year. He acknowledged that you are our everyday heroes, going above and beyond to achieve what some would have thought impossible.



[Link to NIGP page with video](#)

**HAPPY
PROCUREMENT
MONTH**

This is an opportunity to educate elected officials, administrators, taxpayers, and vendors about the admirable work our professionals perform every day. Thank you for your continued dedication to the profession and your support of the CO-OPP Chapter.

**CELEBRATE
PROCUREMENT**

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Lori Byrd, President

MISSION

Promote professionalism in public procurement by providing a forum for shared resources and education for members

VISION

To lead and promote excellence in public procurement.

Next General Membership Meeting

**Wednesday March 17th
2:00 PM**

Via ZOOM

Celebrate Procurement Month with CO-OPP

- *Zoom General Membership Meeting Presentation*
- *Zoom Challenge - Show up in Zoom with a new Virtual Background*
- *Bring a Friend to March and May General Membership Meeting*
- *Create a Poster for a chance to win a prize*

*** Zoom with CO-OPP For A Special Presentation! ***



March 17, 2021

Networking 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Meeting begins at 2:00 PM

Keynote Speaker - Theresa Webb, M.A., NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB, C.P.M.
Presenting

Personal Plan for Professional Success.... How Bright is My Future?

Very few successes in life happen by chance. Most of the time, it happens by design; which means that we have to design a plan for OUR own success. In a nutshell, the basic premise of a personal plan for professional success (PPPS) involves identifying where you are right now, determining where you want or need to be and coming up with a plan to fill in the gaps. Sounds pretty simple doesn't it? This session will provide guidance on setting up your PPPS and includes hands-on activities to get you started. Achieving what you want in your professional career starts from creating your PPPS and then taking action.

Participate in the breakout sessions to win prizes

[Register for this Meeting!](#)

Celebrate Procurement Month with CO-OPP

*** Win a prize in poster contest ***



**MARCH IS
PROCUREMENT RECOGNITION
MONTH**

Let's see how creative our members and guests can be.

Create a 9"x11" poster to win prizes!

Design a poster that embodies the theme:

"My Personal Plan for Professional Success"

It may show contracts you have worked on, your journey getting here
and where you plan to go professionally and/or how you plan to get there.
The sky's the limit! Prizes awarded for:

Most Creative; Best theme; and Overall Presentation

Deadline

Submit your Adobe pdf poster by
5PM March 12th
To: programs@coopp.org

CO-OPP Meeting: March 17
Ice-breaker starts at 1:30 PM

For Questions, contact
Janelle Collier at: 937-778-2044

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Professional Buyer's Day

As a portion of March is Procurement Month, CO-OPP, along with NIGP and numerous other Chapters, has recognized Professional Buyer's Day.

Thank you for the dedication, knowledge, and passion that each and every one of you bring to ensure procurements are consistently completed in the highest regards. The value in which you bring to your entities, the public, the profession, and to the Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers is truly vital.

In the words of Albert Einstein,

“Strive not to be of success, but rather to be of value.”

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, Procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals that are members of the Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers Chapter of NIGP and in other public organizations have tremendous influence on the United States' economy, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, CO-OPP's members are committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all agencies associated with the Chapter; and

WHEREAS, CO-OPP recognizes and supports the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

WHEREAS, NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Governing Board of CO-OPP do hereby proclaim March 17, 2021 as

PROFESSIONAL BUYER'S DAY

and urge all members to join CO-OPP and NIGP in recognizing the role of the procurement profession within government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers Chapter of NIGP to be affixed.



Lori S. Byrd, CPPB

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CO-OPP Chapter President

Purchasing Professionals Month

Governor Mike DeWine, and Lieutenant Governor John Husted recognizes March 2021 as Ohio's Purchasing Professionals Month.



PURCHASING PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

NIGP CERTIFICATION

CONGRATULATIONS NEW CERTIFICANTS



Certified Professional	Certification	Agency/location
Kellie Johnson	NIGP-CPP	State of Ohio - DAS
Veronica Gayotin	NIGP-CPP	Lakota Local School District

INVEST IN YOUR LONG-TERM CAREER GROWTH
NIGP CERTIFIED PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL (NIGP-CPP)

NIGP has waived the application and first exam fees through June 30, 2021 for applicants currently holding a CPPO or CPPB certification.

Fees for those holding a CPPO or CPPB Certification Note: There are no late application fees	
Through June 2021	Effective July 2021
<u>Application Fee</u> \$0	<u>Application Fee</u> \$150
<u>First Exam Fee</u> \$0	<u>First Exam Fee</u> \$100
<u>Re-Exam Fee</u> \$100	<u>Re-Exam Fee</u> \$100
<u>Online Assessment Tool</u> (Optional) \$99	<u>Online Assessment Tool</u> (Optional) \$99
<u>Prep Guide & Course</u> \$0	<u>Prep Guide & Course</u> \$150

UPPCC CERTIFICATION



The [Universal Public Procurement Certification Council](#) is an independent entity formed to govern and administer the Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) and Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) certification programs. The CPPO and CPPB programs are highly regarded and well-respected certifications among procurement professionals and their employers in the public sector. To date, the UPPCC has certified well over 13,000 professionals primarily within the US and Canada, but also in other nations around the globe.

Fall examinations are administered during the last two full weeks in October. See exam schedule below.

Fall Exams: October 18-30, 2021			
Exam App Window Opens	Apply By	Apply w/Late Fee By	Schedule Exam By
May 1	Jul 12	July 26	Sept 20



Mackenzie Nickell, Education Chair
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Scheduled Virtual Class

- **Core Certificate - Foundations of Planning and Analysis**
April 14-15, 2021 Contact Hours: 15 | CEUs: 1.5
- **Core Certificate - Foundations of Sourcing and Contracting**
May 10-12, 2021 Contact Hours: 22.5 | CEUs: 2.3

For details and registration information [click here](#).

COMMITTEE REPORT

Community Affairs

Mary Harper, CPPB, Chair



Given that CO-OPP's November General Membership Meeting was virtual this year due to COVID, the Community Affairs Committee could not collect toy donations for the holiday "Toys 4 Tots" program. In lieu of a toy drive, CO-OPP's Board of Directors agreed to the idea of our Community Affairs Committee supporting The Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army offers several programs to assist families during the holiday season who – for whatever reason (COVID, loss of job, house fire, etc.) - simply did not have extra funds to buy holiday gifts. One such program was the "Angel Tree Toy Wish List" where participants could either purchase toys off the "Wish List" for a family, make a financial contribution to the program, or even adopt an entire family by purchasing all items on their "Wish List".

Each adopted family was assigned a number. The attached pictures were taken at the Worthington Salvation Army distribution location on Sunday (12/20/20) and show the enormous generosity of our Central Ohio community assisting others in need this holiday season.

As vehicles pulled up to deliver their wrapped gifts for an adopted family, volunteers unloaded the donated gifts for 180 families and placed them in numerical order within the gymnasium, for pick-up by these families on Tuesday (12/22/20).



Mary Harper, CPPB



Volunteers are needed
Join a Committee!