The Procurement Edge

News for the Professional in Public Purchasing



March 2021



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.

CECEBRATE 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?

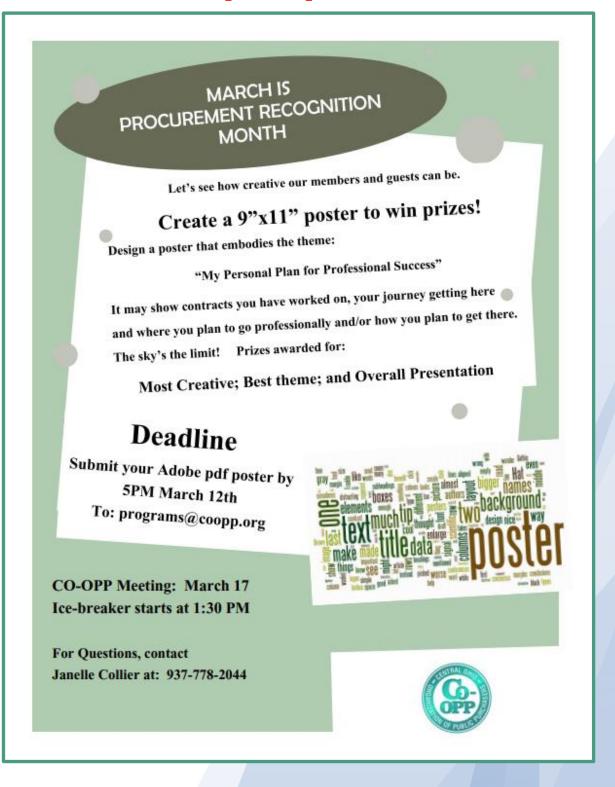
Very few successes in life happen by chance. Most of the time, it happens by design; which means that we have to design a plan for OUR own success. In a nutshell, the basic premise of a personal plan for professional success (PPPS) involves identifying where you are right now, determining where you want 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 *



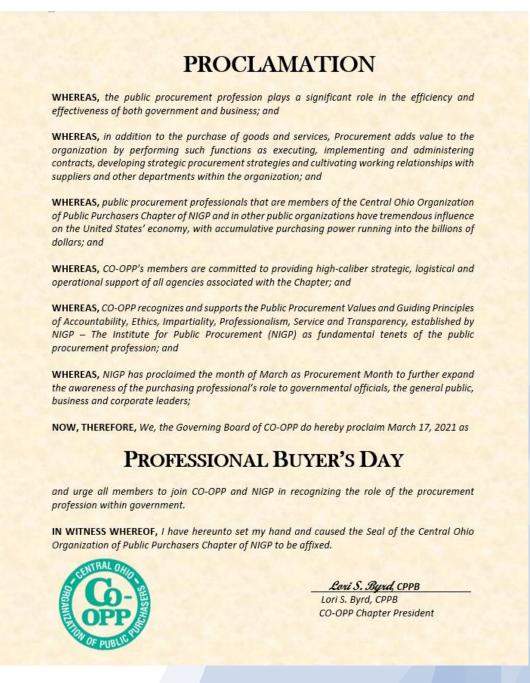
Professional Buyer's Day

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."



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

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| | 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 | | | | | |
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| Through June 2021 | Effective July 2021 | | | | |
| Application Fee | Application Fee | | | | |
| \$0 | \$150 | | | | |
| <u>First Exam Fee</u> | <u>First Exam Fee</u> | | | | |
| \$0 | \$100 | | | | |
| <u>Re-Exam Fee</u> | <u>Re-Exam Fee</u> | | | | |
| \$100 | \$100 | | | | |
| <u>Online Assessment Tool</u> | <u>Online Assessment Tool</u> | | | | |
| (Optional) \$99 | (Optional) \$99 | | | | |
| <u>Prep Guide & Course</u> | Prep Guide & Course | | | | |
| \$0 | \$150 | | | | |

UPPCC CERTIFICATION



The <u>Universal Public Procurement Certification Council</u> 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 | | | | | | |
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| Exam App | Apply By | Apply w/Late | Schedule Exam | | | |
| Window Opens | | Fee By | By | | | |
| May | Jul | July | Sept | | | |
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Mackenzie Nickell, Education Chair education@coopp.org

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!