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**“Money is of no value; it cannot spend itself.
All depends on the skill of the spender.”**

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2023 is off to a great start! It was awesome to see so many of you – in person and online for our Annual Business Meeting on January 18th! A huge thanks to City of Seattle for hosting our first hybrid event (we have several lessons learned) and to all our volunteers who pulled this event together! It really takes a village to plan and execute these events!

Our speaker, Tammy Rimes, provided some great energy as she helped us take Contract Management to the next level during the morning education session as well as work on our presentation skills in the afternoon session. Congratulations to Regan Givens, WANIGP 2022 Procurement Professional of the Year and to Rena Jackson, WANIGP 2022 Manager of the Year – your passion, collaboration, investment in your agency and our chapter are so appreciated!

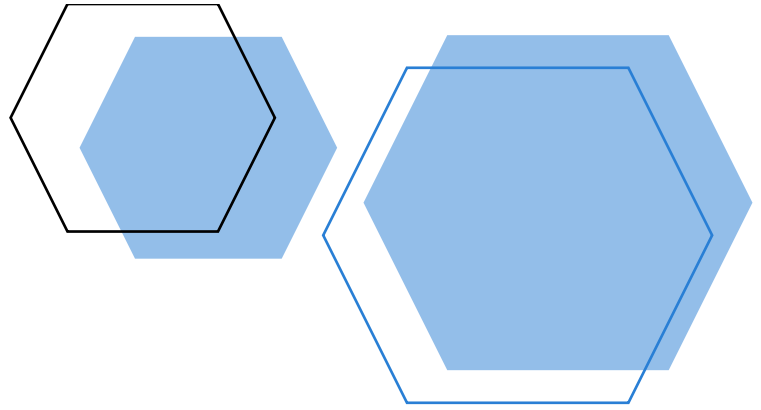
Our new website is live! If you haven't done so already, please be sure to follow the link in your welcome email to update your profile and preferences! We are excited to stand this website up and utilize the great features. Be on the lookout for some additional information and training on how to navigate the site and make the most of this upgraded resource! A huge shout-out to our website transition team led by Regan Givens for their hard work in this endeavor!

March 8, 2023 has been proclaimed Procurement Professionals' Day. This is in keeping with a tradition that was established in 2015 where towns, cities, and procurement organizations across the nation have proclaimed the second Wednesday of March as Procurement Professionals' Day. This day recognizes the hardworking individuals of the procurement profession. You will find a copy of the Governor's Purchasing Month Proclamation and our Chapter's proclamation of March as Procurement Month and Wednesday, March 8, 2023 as Procurement Professionals' Day in this newsletter and on our website.

We encourage you to find ways to celebrate Procurement Month and Procurement Professionals' Day in your organization and promote the value of procurement! Share with the chapter your photos and other documentation by uploading them to the chapter website (https://wanigp.org/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=756424). If you can't access the folder through the link, you can navigate to the folder under Member Benefits > Document Folders > Chapter Documents > Procurement Month 2023. At the chapter level, join us on March 1st as we host Radio NIGP for a great Lunch and Learn event honoring the procurement profession and in mid to late March for our Excellence in Procurement Summit (date and agenda forthcoming!).

As winter turns to spring, look for the signs of changes, opportunities for growth and the hope that spring holds. Take time to celebrate your personal and team accomplishments, look for ways to give back, and remember the value of your work – your impact is far reaching!

Maija Lampinen, CPPB, NIGP-CPP
Washington State Chapter President



MARGARET MERIN

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

Title: Contract & Procurement Specialist

Organization: Spokane Airports

What year did you join the WA State Chapter? 2017.

What Chapter committees/workgroups are you currently involved in? If none, which are you most interested in and why? None. With time being such a valuable commodity, committees/workgroups simply are not in the cards.

How long have you worked in the procurement profession? 9 years.

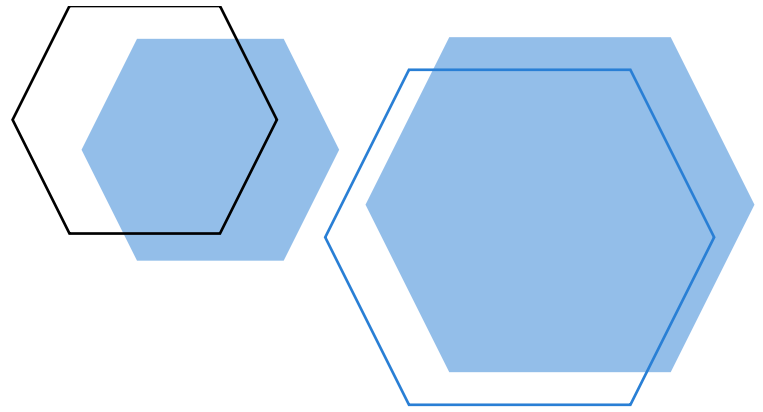
What is the most interesting, unusual, or challenging purchase in which you have been involved? I am a one-person shop with few resources. My circle is getting bigger though, ehem, you guys. It is for this reason it is difficult to pick just one. They all meet the criteria.

What professional certifications do you hold? CPPB.

What is your number one goal (career or personal)? To retire comfortably. I know, not so exciting but I am really looking forward to chasing weather.

What is your favorite hobby? Anything to do with the fiber arts. I crochet, knit, and spin dog hair.

Share a little-known fact about yourself. I am a USAFR retired E-7, Master Sergeant. I spent 29 years as an Aircraft Metals Technologies Craftsman. In simpler terms, I was a certified aircraft weldor (proper spelling) and machinist. This was a significant part of my life, but I do not speak much of it. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the AF. It afforded me the opportunity to do and see so many things others will never experience. Additionally, I am a stepmom (toughest job ever), and have been volunteer dog rescuer and foster mom of northern breeds. I checked off a bucket list item and received my motorcycle license in 2021. I ride a Kawasaki Vulcan S and love every moment of it. FYI, it does scare me and that is a good thing.



RHONDA WAHLGREN

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

Title: Sr. Procurement & SBE/DBE Specialist

Organization: Community Transit

What year did you join the WA State Chapter? 2006.

What Chapter committees/workgroups are you currently involved in? If none, which are you most interested in and why? Currently interested in the Finance Committee. I believe my attention to detail could benefit the Committee as I often review various A&E cost estimate spreadsheets and construction Pay Apps.

How long have you worked in the procurement profession? Since July 1998, and it's all been public transit experience.

What is the most interesting, unusual, or challenging purchase in which you have been involved? In public transit procurement, I haven't bought anything particularly unusual like Rent-A-Ruminant, but it does have its other challenges at times. I once had a vertical construction project where the GC just stopped paying their workers near the very end of it, so they were walking off the job. The superintendent stayed and tried to keep it together as claims were being filed against the GC's Payment Bond and retainage. The contract remained open for a couple of years while things battled out between the prime and their subs.

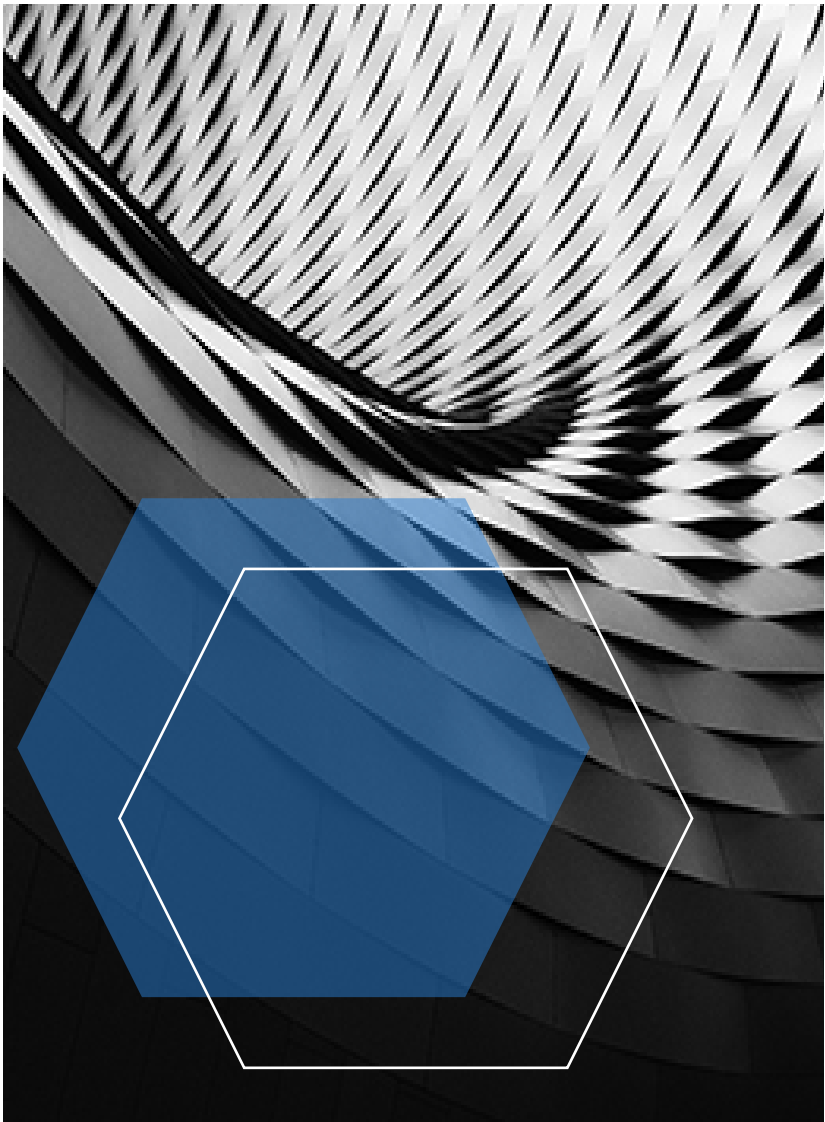
What professional certifications do you hold? CPPB and APWA/CAEC Gold Certification.

What is your number one goal (career or personal)? To be able to retire comfortably enough so that I can keep traveling.

What is your favorite hobby? Drawing/sketching and I have a desire to paint.



Share a little-known fact about yourself. I ride motorcycles; currently own a 2016 Harley Davidson Softail Slim. I am also a Super Fan of British-American actor, Joseph Morgan, and his family who I had the pleasure of meeting last year via a Zoom prize that I won, and in person. Thanks to them, I have made many friends and acquaintances worldwide, some of whom I have already met or will meet this year, which feeds my travel bug. 😊



NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME!

Membership offers substantial benefits, both professional and personal. Our meetings, seminars and educational events can enhance your knowledge of our profession and promote the exchange of ideas and issues through networking opportunities with your colleagues.

Membership also brings opportunities to develop your personal leadership skills through volunteer efforts on committees, and as part of our governance team.

New members – December 2022-January 2023:

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | EMPLOYER | TITLE |
|--------------------|------------|---|--|
| Sappington | Stacey | City of Kennewick | Procurement and Contract Specialist |
| Nolan | Jack | City of Seattle | Procurement Strategic Advisor |
| Staggers | Tracy | City of Seattle | Strategic Advisor Procurement |
| Tarabella-Marchesi | Marta | City of Seattle | Procurement Strategic Advisor |
| Friesen | Adrienne | Clark Public Utilities | Procurement Assistant |
| Kleiser | Melissa | Clark Public Utilities | Contract Administrator/Buyer |
| Maverick | Michael | Intercity Transit | Procurement and Capital Projects Manager |
| Willms | Jennifer | Office of Minority & Women Owned Business | Assistant Director Administrative Services |
| Turney | Axa | Port of Tacoma | Contracts and Procurement Analyst |
| Nnambi | Brenda | Sound Transit | Director Contract Equity |

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CONFERENCES

- **WA-NIGP Excellence in Procurement Summit**
Tentative Location and Date: Hybrid event (in-person option in Tacoma) in mid to late March 2023

CLASSES & WEBINARS

Looking for additional educational opportunities? Explore the websites below for upcoming classes!

- WA-NIGP: www.wanipg.org
 - February 8, 2023 – Emerging Professionals Program Kickoff Meeting – (Virtual)
- NIGP: <https://www.nigp.org/learning/all-courses>
 - February 14, 2023 – New Critical Thinking Learning Lab (Virtual) – [Register Today](#)
 - March 2-3, 2023 – Competency Module: Contract Management and Performance (Virtual) – [Register Today](#)
 - March 21, 2023 – New Headliner: Navigating Multiple Federal Funds Guidelines (Virtual) – [Register Today](#)
 - April 17-19, 2023 – Specialization Certificate: Technology Procurement (Virtual) – [Register Today](#)
- NIGP Webinars: <https://www.nigp.org/learning/all-courses/webinars>
- Columbia Chapter of NIGP: <http://columbiachapternigp.org/pro-d/>
- Oregon Public Purchasing Association: <https://www.oppaweb.org/index.cfm>
- Idaho Public Purchasing Association: <https://nigp-idaho.org/content.php?page=Training>
- Institute for Supply management: <https://www.ismwww.org/>
- Municipal Research and Services Center: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Training.aspx>
 - March 17, 2023 – Public Works Training Event in Tacoma (In-Person) – [FREE, Register Today](#)



2022 PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL & MANAGER OF THE YEAR!

Procurement Professional of the Year Award Winner



Regan Givens, CPPB
Senior Contracts Specialist
Washington Health Benefit Exchange

Regan's nominator, Erin Hamilton, let the Chapter's Honors and Awards Committee know that she has been instrumental in helping her agency and WA-NIGP achieve goals and start or revive several programs and benefits. She is willing to take on unfamiliar initiatives, like Chapter Treasurer, Finance and Newsletter Committee Chairs, and actively engaged to facilitate our new website.

Congratulations Regan as our Chapter's 2022 Procurement Professional of the Year!

Procurement Manager of the Year Award Winner



Rena Jackson, CPPB, CPCP
Strategic Partnerships and Analytics Supervisor
King County

Rena's nominator, Stacy Hupp, tells us that after seven years on the Chapter's Board of Directors, in 2021 Rena immediately became a founding member of our Lunch and Learn Committee and is a big contributor to the Committee, bringing timely education content to our members each month. One of Rena's endorsements stated she is a strong leader who actively mentors and nurtures the talents of the procurement team at her agency and is well deserving of this honor. It takes leaders like Rena to help keep our profession and our chapter strong.

Congratulations Rena as our Chapter's 2022 Procurement Manager of the Year!

Regan and Rena – thanks so much for your hard work, for your valuable contribution to NIGP and our profession! They both will soon be featured on NIGP's website at: <https://www.nigp.org/chapters/local-chapter-awards>.



WE NEED YOU!

VOLUNTEER FOR A WA-NIGP COMMITTEE!

An organization is only as strong as those members who support its goals. Through the efforts of our committees, we continue to serve our membership and enhance an environment of professional development.

We need your time and talent to continue our success!

To learn more about each committee or to join, visit: https://wa-nigp.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=42&club_id=756424

Committees:

- ✓ 20th Anniversary Planning
- ✓ By-Law Review
- ✓ Community Involvement
- ✓ Education and Research
- ✓ Emerging Professionals
- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Lunch and Learn
- ✓ Membership Engagement
- ✓ Newsletter
- ✓ Nominations and Elections
- ✓ Public Relations and Marketing
- ✓ Scholarship
- ✓ Special Events

NIGP PRESS RELEASE

PATHWAYS HAD A POWERFUL YEAR IN 2022!

January 10, 2023

NIGP's Pathways Program, which integrates competency-based learning with credentialing, had another powerful banner year in 2022 with the issuance of:

- 1,718 competency badges including new advance and management level learning modules
- 461 specializations including two new learnings: Job Order Contracting and Use of Federal Funds
- 430 core certificates
- 209 NIGP Certified Procurement Professional designations
- 100 NIGP Public Procurement Associate designations

Since August 2020, the NIGP Public Procurement Associate designation has been earned by 224 professionals and is an optional pathway (Pathway D) for candidates without post-high school formal education who are seeking their NIGP-CPP designation.

Through the November 2022 testing window, there are now 997 leaders across 45 states who have earned their NIGP-CPP. Thirty of those leaders practice public procurement in the Evergreen State including seven Washingtonians who earned their NIGP-CPP in 2022:

- **Cara Brocx – Everett**
- **Ryan Chase – Everett**
- **Kristin Fleisher – Quincy**
- **Jolene Haney – Everett**
- **Chad Jorissen – Everett**
- **James Nieman – Vancouver**
- **Anna Vogel – Vancouver**

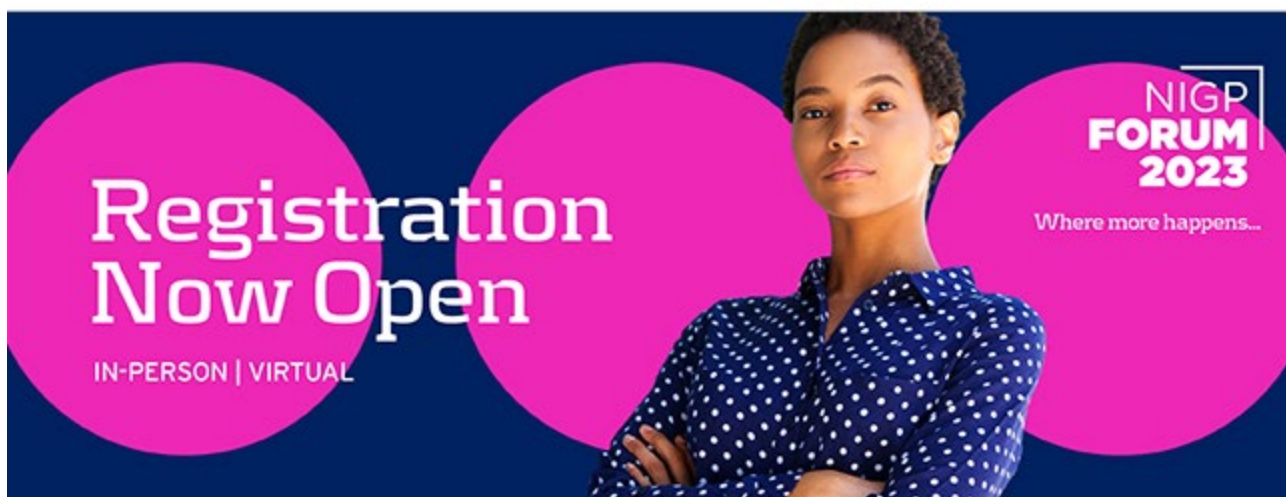
If you are a mid to executive level leader who aspires to further your career in public procurement, there is no better time to fulfill your New Year's resolution to earn your NIGP-CPP in 2023. As the job market tightens, your credentials boost your resume. The NIGP Certification Commission believes that professional certification is not a privilege of membership; therefore, all NIGP-CPP applicants pay the same application fee of \$150 regardless of their membership status in any professional association. The Commission also believes in providing maximum opportunity to apply and test – offering six pathways available for eligibility based on formal education and work experience, providing four testing windows annually, and structuring the exam into two modules that can be scheduled at the convenience of the candidate.

As we enter a new year, the NIGP Certification Commission reminds professionals that there is a bridge for current CPPO and CPPB recipients who wish to earn their leadership credential as a NIGP-CPP; however, the bridge will only be offered through the May 2024 testing window. The bridge reduces both eligibility requirements (Pathway F) and exam requirements (successful achievement of exam Module B); thereby reducing exam fees and content scope. Individuals who are currently pursuing their CPPO or CPPB from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council as a gateway to the NIGP-CPP are encouraged to do so; with the understanding that the UPPCC credential must be earned during the May or October 2023 UPPCC testing windows before applying for the NIGP-CPP during the February and May 2024 testing windows.

Want to learn about the NIGP-CPP program value and structure? Join NIGP Chief Executive Rick Grimm and NIGP Certification Director Diane Daly for an upcoming [webinar](#) scheduled each month.

Want to learn about building an intentional learning path for your career? NIGP has designed a [Pathways Concierge Program](#) specifically to assist professionals in customizing their best pathways for learning and credentialing that align with their aspiration a career goals.

Make 2023 your year to make the biggest impact on the public procurement profession!



NIGP FORUM 2023

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

It's that time of year again...that's right, registration for [NIGP FORUM 2023](#) is officially open!

Not only is this the largest and longest held conference for public procurement professionals in North America—it's where the value of your NIGP membership truly comes to life.

Our theme this year, is "Where more happens..." and nothing could be truer about what NIGP Forum delivers. Not only do you get access to more educational content with 60+ procurement-related sessions, it's also where more connections are made, where more actionable insights are shared by speakers and presenters, where more relationships are cemented with colleagues and 200+ exhibitors, finally, it's where more good times occur as we take a breather to celebrate the exceptional work that all of you do throughout the year.

The best part, NIGP will continue to do more for you by continuing to be at the forefront of bringing you more choice, more flexibility, and more value. You will continue to have the option to join in person in exciting Louisville, or you can join virtually from the comfort of your home or office.

NIGP heard you loud and clear about budgets, so for this year, NIGP has kept the in-person early fee the same as last year, while expanding the value you get with more food choices, a return to the use of a mobile app on-site, and a new virtual platform that will be available for all attendees.

Lastly, thanks to the generosity of NIGP's government partner [Sourcewell](#), NIGP is offering [NIGP Forum 2023 scholarships](#) to cover registration fees for those who lack the funds.

[IN-PERSON, Louisville, KY | August 19 – 23](#)

\$897 Members (until May 31)

\$1,122 Non-Members (until May 31)

Contact Hours: 18.5

[VIRTUAL | August 21 – 23](#)

\$299 Members

\$399 Non-Members

Contact Hours: 16.5



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

NIGP FORUM 2023!

Louisville, KY
August 19 – 23

NIGP, the largest association dedicated solely to public procurement professionals, invites you to submit your presentation for our in-person and virtual conference this August. Be a part of the most diverse and comprehensive event attended by professionals from across the field.

Please use the resources provided to help you prepare the best proposal possible. It is recommended that you review the [NIGP Forum 2023 Conference & Exposition Proposal Content Requirements PDF](#) before beginning the process.

To learn more about this opportunity, visit: <https://www.nigp.org/events/annual-forum-and-products-exposition/forum-call-for-presentations>

KEY DATES

Deadline to submit proposals:

February 17, 2023

Final Notifications


March 20, 2023

Questions? Please contact:

Todd Slater
tslater@nigp.org

NCPP'S ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD

MARCH IS NATIONAL PROCUREMENT MONTH!



NCPP
The Professional Association for
Cooperative Procurement

NCPP ABOVE & BEYOND AWARDS

MARCH'S NATIONAL PROCUREMENT MONTH

Examples of ABOVE & BEYOND recognition:

- Special success story in addressing the pandemic or supply chain challenges
- Taking on additional tasks and leadership responsibilities for a special project
- Volunteering in events or activities to serve their community
- Serving in the military or guard to help with emergencies
- Solving a difficult problem with an out-of-the-box solution
- Serving in unpaid volunteer role for an association
- Presenting and volunteering for training sessions and conferences
- Leadership and mentoring to create a welcoming team environment that allows individuals to grow and succeed

 www.NCPPAssociation.org

NOMINATION PERIOD OPENS FEB 1st AND CLOSSES ON MARCH 20th, 2023

Submit your nomination to Tammy Rimes, Executive Director at Tammy.Rimes@NCPPAssociation.org with your nominee's name, title, agency, and email along with a couple of paragraphs about their 'Above & Beyond' performance. Take a few minutes to recognize that champion in your workplace!

The National Cooperative Procurement Partners (NCPP) recognizes stars in public procurement who have gone ABOVE & BEYOND in their procurement role. With all that's happened in the past few years, all heroes in procurement—be it the Director, Buyer I, or Stockroom Clerk—deserve recognition.

Fifteen award winners (3 per week) will be showcased in the NCPP newsletter and website during the month of March and receive a NCPP "Let's Just Cooperate" t-shirt and other special rewards.

2022 ABOVE & BEYOND WINNERS:

- Sarah Andrews**
Dutchess County, NY
- Chelsey Axtell**
St. Vrain Valley Schools, CO
- Cheryl Bucalo**
Maricopa County Dept of Public Health, AZ
- Toni Cook**
City of Little Rock, AR
- Elizabeth Dooley**
Fairfax Water, VA
- Darci Garbacz**
Palm Beach County School District, FL
- Tonya Hodges**
Jordan School District, UT
- Kaliska King**
State of Oregon
- Willie Moon**
DeKalb County, GA
- Jennifer Olzinger**
City of Pittsburgh, PA
- Joanna Oukrop**
City of Roseville, CA
- Ashley Provenza**
Polk County Sheriff's Office, FL
- Myrna Quihuis**
Town of Queen Creek, AZ
- Kelly Regan**
Unified Government of Wyandotte County, KS
- Namita Uppal**
Miami Dade County, FL



PROCUREMENT MONTH

2023 PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS' DAY PROCLAMATION FROM THE CHAPTER!

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 acquisition 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 Washington State Chapter of NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) and in other public and private organizations have great influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS the Washington State Chapter of NIGP through its members is committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical, and operational support of all agencies associated with the Chapter; and

WHEREAS the Washington State Chapter of NIGP recognizes, supports, and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by 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 procurement professional's role to governmental officials, the public, business, and corporate leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Governing Board of the Washington State Chapter of NIGP do hereby proclaim the second Wednesday in March, March 8, 2023 as

PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS' DAY

and urge all members to join the Washington State Chapter of NIGP in recognizing the role of the purchasing, contracting, and materials management profession within business, industry, and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on behalf of the 2023 WA-NIGP Board this 27th day of January 2023.



Official Chapter **NIGP** The Institute for Public Procurement

Maija Lampinen

Maija Lampinen CPPB, NIGP-CPP
President

2023 Washington State Chapter Board

Vice President: Linda Hodgson, CPPB

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Recording Secretary: Samantha Miller

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Education & Research Chair: Theresa Bauccio-Teshlog, CPPB, NIGP-CPP

Public Relations Chair: Marketing & Elections, Magan Waltari



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

DONATE TO A LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER!

The WA-NIGP Community Involvement Committee has selected local animal shelters and rescues for our January and February Charitable Giving Campaign. Animal Shelters are all busy and in need of donations to support their efforts to take care of animals of all sizes. Choosing local shelters gives you an opportunity to donate where you live and work and impact your local community. Below are some links to animal shelters throughout the state, you can choose to donate to one of these or one you know of in your area:

To donate and enter the drawing:

1. Send a donation to a local shelter or rescue in your community.
2. Select your donation amount, then complete and submit the form as instructed.
3. Check your email for a donation receipt.
4. Forward the donation receipt to Anna at anna.vogel@cityofvancouver.us to be entered into the drawing.

- [Southwest Washington Humane Society](#)
- [Kitsap Humane Society](#)
- [Everett Animal Shelter](#)
- [Yakima Humane Society](#)
- [Benton Franklin Humane Society](#)
- [Seattle Humane](#)
- [The Humane Society Tacoma & Pierce County](#)
- [Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service](#)
- [Wenatchee Valley Humane Society](#)

Chapter members who donate **any amount** by **February 28th** will be entered into a \$20.00 gift card drawing.

We appreciate your time and hope you will consider supporting an animal shelter or rescue in your area.

Anna Vogel, CPPB

Community Involvement Committee Chair



SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

PLANNING FOR THE EXCELLENCE IN
PROCUREMENT SUMMIT!

The Excellence in Procurement Summit is just around the corner! **Tentative** location and date: Hybrid event (in-person option in Tacoma) in mid to late March 2023.

Would you like to help make this event more enjoyable for our members?

Well, the Events Committee could use your help!

If you are interested in helping with the plans and set up for this event, please let Linda Hodgson, Chair of the Events Committee know.

Thanks so much!

Linda J. Hodgson, CPPB

Special Events Committee Chair
Chapter Vice President

linda.hodgson@dshs.wa.gov

(360) 664-6073



EMERGING PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

CALLING ALL SEASONED AND EMERGING PROFESSIONALS!

We need you! Join us on February 8th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for our Emerging Professionals Kickoff to discuss how you can participate.

Emerging Professionals – we want to know what support you need, what topics interest you, how you want to see this evolve, and when works best for you!

Seasoned Professionals – this is your time to give back to the profession and invest in the future. How can you be involved – one time, or on an on-going basis.

What:

- Monthly, one-hour, virtual round-table sessions
- Open space to ask questions, talk to peers and seasoned procurement veterans
- Strategically offered trainings by experts
- Technical and leadership soft skills

Benefits:

- Support the growth and success of new and future public procurement professionals
- Create opportunities to build relationships
- Expand skills
- Identify goals for advancing careers

*Cheral Manke, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB
& Ginny Justiniano, CPPB*

Emerging Professionals Program Co-Chairs



PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

SOCIAL MEDIA!

Did you know that WA-NIGP has a Facebook and LinkedIn?

WA-NIGP's social media platforms provide a community for networking, information sharing, etc. Staying connected to your social networks through social media platforms can be beneficial for your professional success and open new opportunities that you may not have had previously.

Follow us today!

✓ [Facebook](#)

✓ [LinkedIn](#)

*Magan Waltari, CPPB, CPSM, NIGP-
CPP*

Public Relations and Marketing Committee Chair



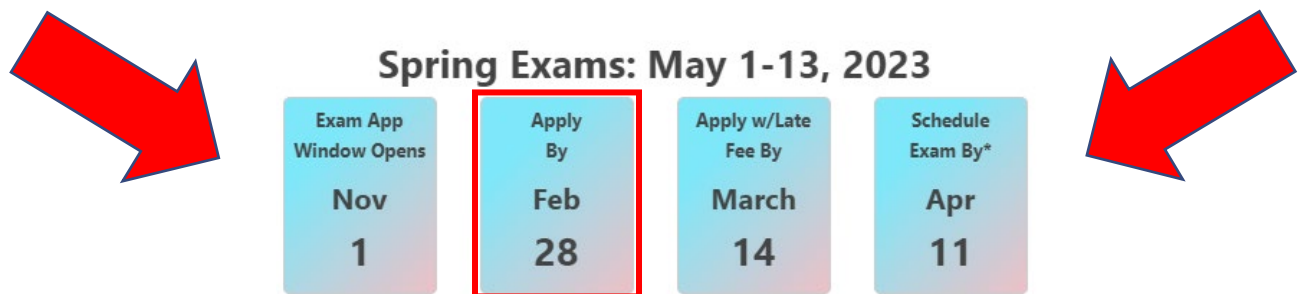
CPPO AND CPPB SPRING EXAMS

The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) 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 the most highly regarded and well-respected certifications among procurement professionals and their employers in the public sector. To date, the UPPCC has certified well over 14,000 professionals primarily within the US and Canada, but in other nations around the globe.

The **new application window** is now open for the **Spring 2023 CPPO & CPPB exams**! Registration ends February 28, 2023 (or until March 14th with late fee).

The exams are based on the [Body of Knowledge & Competency \(BoK-C\)](#) for the [CPPO](#) and the [CPPB](#), and have challenging questions that not only test your knowledge of current public procurement domains but also competencies on how to apply that knowledge. Visit UPPCC's website [Certification Page](#) for additional details.





PROCUREMENT PARTNER CORNER

MUNICIPAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES CENTER OF WASHINGTON (MRSC)

Agency Training – Digging into Public Works Contracts

Date: 3/17/2023

Time: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: Greater Tacoma Convention Center 1500 Commerce Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Registration Deadline: 3/13/2023 8:00 AM

Cost: [FREE, Register Today!](#)

The agency training session will focus on public works contracting and bring the next level of public works training for local government agencies in Washington State.

Public Works Training Focus:

- How to create meaningful engagement with the contracting community
- Tools to start, refresh and/or maintain your public works program
- Tips and tools on how to get: more bids, better prices and higher inclusion participation
- Examples and samples: what your peers are doing
- Actionable steps to improve outcomes and practices in public works

Attendees will receive – 5.0 contact hours OR 5.0 hours APWA-CAEC Certification

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