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INTERESTING NEWS, SHARED PROCUREMENT INSIGHTS, & RECENT EVENTS

On March 21, 2017, Mayor Gimenez noted this was National Purchasing Month. He pointed out that everything that was bought was procured through the County's procurement staff. He recognized the outstanding work accomplished by the County's procurement professionals. Mayor Gimenez invited Ms. Myriam Singer (Procurement Director), Ms. Tara Smith (ISD Director), and Mari Betancourt (President of the local chapter of the National Institute for Governmental Procurement), to come forward to receive a Special Proclamation.

Congratulations to the Procurement Professionals and the Members of the Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP!



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Questions? You can also contact us via e-mail at info@nigpmiami.org.

UPCOMING CLASSES & MEETINGS

CLASS NAME	DATES	TIME	LOCATION/ADDRESS	MEM./NON
Power Series AM Session "Spectacular Specifications: The Art of Getting What You Want"	Thu, Jul 13	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Miami Dade Fire Rescue Trn. Fac. 9300 NW 41 St., Doral, FL.	\$50/\$75
Power Series PM Session "Spectacular Specifications: The Art of Getting What You Want"	Thu, Jul 13	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Miami Dade Fire Rescue Trn. Fac. 9300 NW 41 St., Doral, FL.	\$50/\$75
Introduction to Public Procurement	Wed.-Fri. Jul 26-28	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Miami Dade County Library 101 W. Flagler St., Miami, FL.	\$715/\$915
Contract Administration in the Public Sector	Wed.-Fri. Aug 9-11	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Port Miami 1007 N. America Way, Miami, FL.	\$715/\$915
Legal Aspects of Public Purchasing	Wed.-Fri. Oct 4-6	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Miami Riverside Center 444 SW 2nd Ave, Miami, FL.	\$715/\$915
Developing and Managing Request For Proposals	Wed.-Fri. Nov 15-17	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Cutler Bay Town Center 10720 Caribbean Blvd., Cutler Bay	\$715/\$915
MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ADDRESS	
Board Chapter Meeting	Mon, July 15	5:15 PM - 7:00 PM	LaLoggia 68 West Flagler Street	
Board Chapter Meeting	Mon, Sept 18	5:15 PM - 7:00 PM	LaLoggia 68 West Flagler Street	
General Chapter Meeting	Fri, Sept 22	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	TBA	
Board Chapter Meeting	Mon, Nov 6	5:15 PM - 7:00 PM	LaLoggia 68 West Flagler Street	

Classes and Meetings are subject to change. Registration closes 30 days prior to class date

Procurement Values and Principles

Effective public procurement is grounded in the key values of Transparency, Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Service, and Professionalism, but your procurements will be effective only if your entity knows how to implement those values. These values and the principles that flow from them determine how your suppliers and contractors treat your entity, and they affect how the press and public and other government partners treat your entity. Be in the newspaper for achieving good results through effective procurement, not procurement mistakes.

NIGP FORUM
AUGUST 27 - 30, 2017
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

The largest educational conference
exclusively for public procurement professionals.



POWER SERIES

"Spectacular Specifications: The Art of Getting What You Want"

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Dept. Headquarters
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM or 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



"Our department users are constantly sending us requisitions for all manner of supplies and services. However, their descriptions of those items can often leave us wondering what it is they really want. We know the questions to ask, but often our customers don't like providing those answers or they aren't sure why the question is being asked. No one wants a solicitation to circulate for several weeks and then be opened only to find that the low bid is not what the users had in mind. Our goal is to craft a solicitation document that the vendors can understand and to which they can respond."

This session with David Nash will explore the myriad of things that can be done to craft a proper solicitation every time and increase the odds of getting the right items.

Email: DavidNash@bellsouth.net | Website: gotheday.net



Your Chapter Hard at Work!



together

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On March 2017, local agencies joined forces with the Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP to gather donations to help those less fortunate. The GMC collected and assembled over 50 care packages at the Family Fun Day/General Meeting held at the Scott Rakow Youth Center on March 26.

Thank you to all the volunteers who donated and helped deliver the care packages to the Miami Beach Community Church. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity!



The Chapter would like to become more involved with the community by actively seeking to assist some of our local charities or programs. In order to be successful we need your input! Help us get more involved with our communities!

- ➔ What local charities are important to you?
- ➔ Which one are you an active participant of and hold dear?

Please give us feedback and details on how the Chapter can help your specific charity.

Email the Communications/Marketing Committee.

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IN THE NEWS

NIGP Names First NAC Accredited Cooperative Program

U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance is first cooperative program to earn NAC distinction. NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement announced today that the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance is the first cooperative program to earn the NIGP Accredited Cooperative (NAC) accreditation.

NIGP's CEO, Rick Grimm, congratulated U.S. Communities for its "tremendous achievement that further distinguishes the program in the cooperative marketplace and reflects its commitment to supporting the values and principles of professional practice in public procurement. Our members asked us to set the standard for good cooperative procurement practice. We accepted that obligation through the NAC accreditation that was developed by and for senior public procurement officials who formed our NAC Design Team. And U.S. Communities, in turn, was bold to apply for the accreditation under stringent criteria. With their achievement, we anticipate that other regional and national cooperatives will consider NAC as a benchmark for excellence and will pursue the accreditation based on market demands."

"U.S. Communities strives to be a leader in cooperative purchasing and provide value to the public agencies we serve. Being the first cooperative program to meet the rigorous process and requirements of the NAC accreditation further supports our efforts," said Kevin Juhring, Executive Director of U.S. Communities. "We applaud NIGP for creating an accreditation program that sets a standard for excellence. The NAC will help the procurement profession benchmark and distinguish cooperative options through specific criteria and standard best practices."

NIGP established the NIGP Accredited Cooperative program in 2015 to preserve the integrity of cooperative practice as a long-term, viable procurement option and to quickly identify those programs that can demonstrate the highest standard of practice in the cooperative marketplace.

NIGP estimates that current spending through cooperative program contracts exceeds \$40 billion. National cooperative programs frequently cite more than 40,000 public entities are registered with their programs. The substantial growth in the number and purchasing volumes of cooperative programs in public sector suggests the value of third-party monitoring.

NIGP Accredited Cooperative criteria and a comprehensive NIGP Accreditation Guide providing all accreditation requirements are available for download at <http://www.nigp.org/cooperativeaccreditation>.

For additional NAC program information, e-mail NIGP at coopaccreditation@nigp.org.



UPPCC Announces New Schedule of Fees for Certification

The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) announced today that it will apply a modest \$50 increase to many of its current fees for certification effective July 1. The fee increase, UPPCC's first increase in five years, is necessary for the organization to support rising development costs and to fund many new projects and initiatives designed to both expand the programs and to provide additional tools, resources and overall value to current certificants. UPPCC hopes to share details soon on some exciting new functionality that will streamline the application and recertification experience by providing a fully modern, online portal for your interactions with UPPCC going forward.

Application	
Application Fee (CPPO/CPPB) – member*	\$ 225
Application Fee (CPPO/CPPB) – non-member	\$ 350
Examination	
Exam Fee – member* and non-member	\$ 300
Recertification	
Recertification (CPPO/CPPB) – member*	\$ 250
Recertification (CPPO/CPPB) – non-member	\$ 300
Dual Recertification – member*	\$ 350
Dual Recertification – non-member	\$ 400

Member refers to applicants who are current national members of NASPO or NIGP.

The UPPCC is currently accepting applications for the October 16-28, 2017 testing period through July 17, 2017 (July 31, 2017 with late fee). Applications for initial certification or recertification may be submitted at any time prior to July 1 to take advantage of the current rates for certification.

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 highly regarded and respected among procurement professionals and employers involved in the public sector. To date, the UPPCC has certified well over 10,000 professionals primarily within the US and Canada as well as in other nations around the globe.

Congratulations to the newest members of the CPPB Community!



**Martha Fernandez, Procurement Contracting Officer
Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department**

Marta Fernandez is a Procurement Contracting Officer at Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department. She holds a Bachelor's degree from St. Thomas University and a Master's degree from Nova Southeastern University. She acquired experience in purchasing working for the private sector in the areas of materials sourcing and logistics. Her career in public procurement began with the City of Miami Beach, where she served in several capacities, including Procurement Coordinator, for 10 years. Marta first received her CPPB designation in 2003, and recently recertified after returning to the procurement profession with the County in 2016.

May today's success be the beginning of tomorrow's achievements!

**Tiondra Wright, M.B.A
Procurement Contracting Officer II
Miami-Dade County
Internal Services Department**

Tiondra Wright is a Procurement Contracting Officer II in the Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Rice University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida. Her previous position was with the Florida Department of Transportation District 6 where she served as the Professional Services Contract Supervisor.

