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Wow! The Greater Miami Chapter of N.I.G.P. had such a presence during the 2017 National Forum at Salt Lake City. Over 20 members, from various agencies showed support to the Chapter and represented GMC at Forum. It was not all hard work as everyone ensured there was time for fun too! Our Chapter shirts helped GMC stand out a bit more with its "Keep Calm Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP is In the House." GMC is definitely a trend setter! GMC was amongst the finalists for medium sized chapter. Although, we did not take home the trophy, GMC still was able to celebrate the efforts of its members at a special night out. The Chapter would not have even been up for consideration if it were not for the continuous efforts of its members and Executive Board.

***Thank you to all for making this
Chapter such a success!***



Nominations for member spotlights, member news, and promotions are always welcomed. Send nominations to communications@nigpmiami.org.

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

Fun at Forum 2017!



VOLUNTEER

all that's missing is U!

We encourage all of our members to get involved in order to partake in these events! One of the best benefits of participating with the Chapter is to win a trip to forum! Be on the lookout as the Volunteer Hours form will soon be e-mailed.

WALL OF FAME

2017 NIGP



Mari Betancourt, President, receiving the official "30 years" certificate by NIGP. The Greater Miami Chapter has been established since 1987.



Chapter Members & Executive Board celebrating the nomination of GMC for Chapter of the Year & MDC Internal Services Dept. for its Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award.

HAPPY RETIREMENT

GMC would like to congratulate our very own Miriam Singer. On 10/17/2017 the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners honored Miriam upon her retirement. Thank you for all you have done. You will be missed!





2017 NIGP FORUM

A First Timer's Perspective



Veronica Sanchez

Where do I start? My overall expectations were all met about NIGP forum. I started with the CPPB Prep class that was very informative and helpful in preparation for the exam. What captured my attention the most was the variety of classes that were offered at forum. The classes varied from leadership building skills, enhancing your work environment, procurement ethics, to improving your procurement professional portfolio. As I returned back to my office that Friday I recall making a comment to the warehouse clerk about my experience and I said this, "It felt really good being out of the office, but also learning how to improve the office".

Overall, the excitement of seeing how energetic the procurement professionals are was a great first time experience for me. There's so much more to come for the procurement professionals.



Zuleika Davidson

Among my top priorities for 2017 was to attend Forum. I mean, how could it not be! Everyone, from coworkers, chapter members, NIGP chats; all agree that Forum is the place to be and the ultimate procurement experience. Luckily, through my volunteering at the Chapter as Communications Chair, I was awarded the chance to check this off my list. I was filled with excitement and couldn't wait to get there!

Could it be that all of the hype was an exaggeration? Nope!!!

The opening and closing ceremonies (my favorite), the classes, products expo, and presenters, all alike blew my expectations. I remember thinking to myself; if Forum ended after opening ceremony then the trip was all worth it to me. But yet, with each day and all of the activities tied to each my feeling of awe did not dissipate.

I was able to experience our own GMC members and Executive Board outside of our normal hectic days and was highly impressed with how well we can all get along and how experiencing my first forum with them only made my experience that much better. It's not just a Chapter, GMC is a professional family!

My advice for future first timers: Prepare to be tired and overbooked! Leave the laptop and to-do list at home, be open minded to all of the classes, and be ready to receive all of the information presented as a way to further yourself both personally and professionally. Also, leave time in the schedule for fun as well!

Oh and volunteer! I was a volunteer hour's winner and you can be too!





Upcoming Webinars



Too many meetings to attend and not enough time in the day? Register for a free webinar & participate from the comfort of your own desk. Looking to become certified or strengthen your professional skills? Take advantage of NIGP's webinar offerings below.

Nov 07 **Webinar - Dare to Be Great – The Leadership Challenge for Public Procurement**
Dates: 07 Nov, 2017

Nov 14 **Webinar 111417: Digital Signatures - It's About Time**
Dates: 14 Nov, 2017

Dec 06 **Webinar - Removing the Mystery of RFP Evaluations**
Dates: 06 Dec, 2017

UPCOMING CLASSES & MEETINGS

CLASS NAME	DATES	TIME	LOCATION/ADDRESS	MEM./NON
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
Contracting for Construction Services	Thu.-Fri. Dec 7-8	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Port Miami 1007 N. America Way, Miami, FL.	\$510/\$710
MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ADDRESS	
Board Chapter Meeting	Mon. Nov 6	5:15 PM - 7:00 PM	LaLoggia 68 West Flagler Street	
General Chapter Meeting	Thu. Dec 14	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Location TBD	

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



The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) Examinations measure professional competence and the understanding of the body of knowledge surrounding public procurement. Certification is a voluntary action by a professional group to establish a system to grant recognition to professionals who have met a stated level of training and work experience.

Next Application Deadline: January 29 | Exam Dates: May 7-19, 2018

For more information email: certification@uppcc.org or go to www.uppcc.org

Procurement Authority - Why is it important to me?

Best practice to put all procurement processes under the authority of a Chief Procurement Officer(s) who possesses enough independence to ensure good checks and balances. Who gets to make final procurement processes strongly affects how business decisions are made and the quality of the results you get from procurements, so it is important to use people that have professional training in procurement. Large entities may benefit by employing separate CPOs for specialty areas as Construction or Information Technology. Most entities should establish centralized units for procurement expertise to develop policy and strategy, coordinate purchasing expenditures to gain greater value, and handle complex purchases directly. In turn procurement professionals strategically train, monitor and delegate the ability to handle most ordinary transactions to others throughout the entity.

SAVE THE DATE



**GREATER MIAMI
CHAPTER OF NIGP**

**END OF THE YEAR
GENERAL MEETING LUNCHEON**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

DON'T MISS IT!

More Details to Follow...