



GREATER MIAMI CHAPTER OF NIGP



NEWSLETTER

2016 Family FUN day

Come with your family and join the fun as The Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP hosts its 1st Family Fun Day.

Activities will include: Swimming pool, bowling lanes, gymnasium, ice skating rink, lunch and much more!

For details and registration please visit:

[NIGP Miami Family Fun Day](#)

Registration closes on **August 5, 2016 at 05:00 PM**

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If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.
Milton Berle

GMC IS ONLINE. CONNECT WITH US NOW!



The 2016 NIGP Innovation Award:



Automated Architecture and Engineering Pre-Qualification Program

Goes to... **Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department (ISD)**

This award recognizes outstanding contributions in the field of public procurement by governmental agencies that have developed cutting-edge, non-standard, forward thinking approaches to meeting the needs of the customers they serve. ISD implemented an automated, web-based solution to accept and process pre-qualification and technical certification applications for Architectural and Engineering firms that do business with the County.

This innovation will be presented at the **NIGP National Forum in National Harbor, Maryland** and the Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department will be recognized as one of the prominent, trend-setting governmental entities willing to share its programs and successes with colleagues in the public procurement profession.

[Find out the why and how at Forum.](#)

When: Monday, August 22, 2016 at 04: 30 PM (Concurrent Session)



NIGP FORUM 2016

August 21 – August 24 | National Harbor, MD

NIGP Forum is the largest North American educational conference exclusively for professionals in public procurement offering 100 workshops, formal networking opportunities and an award-winning exhibit hall.

A SAMPLE OF MUST-ATTEND SESSIONS:

- ★ Getting to We: Negotiating Agreements for Highly Collaborative Relationships + 2 more sessions
- ★ Public-Private Partnerships
- ★ Construction Contracts and Delivery Methods
- ★ Negotiating Software and Technology
- ★ Total Cost of Ownership – Premier of New Business Council White Paper



Hurry and register today!

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[Register for Forum 2016](#)

Late - July 19 - Onsite

	Full Conference*	Conference Only**	Daily One Day***	Daily Two Day***
Member	\$1030	\$785	\$330	\$660
Non-Member	\$1405	\$1105	\$330	\$660

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NIGP Forum Trip?**

Become a volunteer today!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PROMOTION!



Vivian O. Walters, Jr., SBD Section Chief

- **Before working at Miami Dade County Internal Services Dept. Small Business Development, what was the most unusual or interesting job you have ever had?** A part time job I had...while living in NY back in the 80s – “loading the postal plane at nights...” ☺
- **What is your role at Small Business Development Department in Miami-Dade County?** To be an avenue of attracting (Recruit) new firms to the four Programs that SBD administers. Then to ensure training and education is provided to these firms. Management and Technical assistance is provided to the same; which lends itself to “Retention”. **What aspect of your role do you enjoy the most?** Being able to interact with our small business firms during challenging, “not-so-good” moments and during their moments of success and growth.

- **What drew you to Miami Dade ISD originally?** Then, it was Department of Business Development (DBD). The ability to impact; to make a difference in a measured way. To be an agent of change in the life of a small business firm.
- **What are (3) words to describe yourself?** Sociable, Passionate, and Loyal.
- **Do you have an office nickname? What is it?** Viv
- **Top 3 life highlights of your life.** When I graduated with my BSC. When I took the “Oath” for the U.S. Navy...and when I married my lifelong friend, Olive in May of 2013.
- **You’re happiest when?** I am with my family and when I’m giving back (via mentoring and volunteering).
- **If you could be anyone from any time period whom would it be and why?**

Mahatma Gandhi – he was a change agent; a man that was so ahead of his time. Philosophical as it sounds; life is most rewarding when we are selfless...when we are more about others. I truly try to live my life with one of his quotes as a catalyst:

“The best way to find oneself is to lose oneself in the service of others” - Mahatma Gandhi

Upcoming Events

August 13 -NIGP Miami Family Fun Day

September 12- Chapter Board Meeting

November 07– Chapter Board Meeting

Visit nigpmiami.org to register for our events.



Speaker: Jose A. Galan

Chair | Florida Council for Public Private Partnerships.

Director Real Estate Development Division | Internal Services Department | Miami-Dade County



General Meeting held on June 17, 2016 at Miami Rowing Club.

Let us know what topics you would like to hear about at our next general meeting.

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WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND SUPPORT.

Please forward articles of interest, promotions, photos and more to zdavid1@miamidade.gov



The Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP is 1 of 6 chapters being considered for the **Award of Excellence in Education & Professional Development at NIGP.**

If awarded our Chapter will be acknowledged at the 2016 NIGP Forum being held in Maryland.

GMC could not have even been considered for such an award without the efforts of the Executive Board, the Chairs and Vice-Chairs, but most importantly the members at-large.

Stay tuned and continue to support our Chapter.

The three (3) day course Developing and Managing RFP's in the Public Sector hosted by GMC on June 22-24, 2016 and taught by Suzette Moore was a huge success. In total (24) member and non members attended the course. The feedback from the attendees was very positive. The instructor maintained the class engaged and participation was highly encouraged.



Visit our website for future classes to be hosted by The Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP.



If you are an active member you can submit a scholarship application to be reimbursed for up to **\$250.00** per year?

For complete details and the application for our Scholarship Fund please visit:

www.nigpmiami.org

Please submit scholarship applications to:

Theo Carrasco, Ph.D., CPPO, CPPB at

honors@nigpmiami.org

FAMILY FUN DAY

GREATER MIAMI CHAPTER OF NIGP

The **Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP** is hosting a “**Family Fun Day**” at the City of Miami Beach’s Scott Rakow Youth Center.



Amenities include:

- * **Swimming Pool**
- * **Bowling Lanes**
- * **Gymnasium**
- * **Ice Skating Rink***
- * **Lunch & much more!**



DATE: Saturday, August 13, 2016
TIME: 11:00 am—4:00 pm
ADDRESS: 2700 Sheridan Ave., Miami Beach FL. 33140
AGES: 3+
FEES: FREE for members + 3 guests*
\$15 for each additional guests (all ages)*
**Additional fees apply for ice rink amenities.

Please visit www.nigpmiami.org to RSVP by August 5, 2016.

Please note: Sneakers MUST be worn at all times while bowling. Bowlers must be 40" or taller, one adult per four children. And don't forget your swimsuit and towel!

