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## Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP, Inc. at Work

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### Become a Volunteer Today!

Earn in 2014 volunteer hours to be eligible to WIN the 2015 NIGP Forum Trip.

### Save-the-Date and Join us at our next General Meeting

Friday, Apr 4, 2014  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Charles Torrey Simpson Park  
55 SW 17<sup>th</sup> Road  
Miami, Florida

Speaker: Beth Goldsmith

Topic: *Evaluation Process in Qualitative Solicitations*

### 2014 Calendar at a Glance

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| April 7: | Board Meeting       |
| May 19:  | Board Meeting       |
| June 6:  | 2nd General Meeting |
| June 16: | Board Meeting       |
| July 14: | Board Meeting       |

### Quote:

*The doors we open and close each day decide the lives we live.*

-Flora Whittemore

## 2014 Annual Reverse Trade Show is May 2nd 2014



Take this opportunity to meet over 75 purchasing agents representing over 30 governmental agencies within Southeast Florida. This is a networking opportunity that allows you to meet face-to-face the current vendors you have contracts with, but is not limited

to meeting new vendors with new product lines. Sign up today and Do Not Miss Out on a Day filled with fun, knowledge, networking, and new opportunities.

<https://www.nigpmiami.org/insidepages/events/?eventid=1d4f3792-c2c6-9116-98f9-10d065787aef>

## Pro-D Speaks on Education

### 2014 CPPB PREPARATION COURSES SCHEDULE

**March 26-28: Introduction to Procurement**  
Location: Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department (Training Facility)  
9300 NW 41<sup>st</sup> Street,  
Miami, FL 33178  
Sponsored by: GMC of NIGP  
Contact hours: 24

To register for this class go to  
[www.nigpmiami.org](http://www.nigpmiami.org)

The Specification Writing for the Public Procurement Process held on February 26, 2014 was a true success. 49 members and non-members attended the course.

**Application Deadline to Become a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) or Certified Professional Procurement Officer (CPPO) is March 31, 2014**

For requirements on how to become a Certified CPPO or

CPPB go to:  
<http://www.uppcc.org/>

## Membership

Membership in the Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP offers many benefits. Not only is it an opportunity to meet procurement professionals from other entities, but it also provides a common interest among fellow co-workers within your own organization. We encourage you to invite a colleague to join our chapter. Participation in quarterly meetings provides networking opportunities and increased industry knowledge from our guest speakers. Professional development is a strong focus of the chapter and more educational & training classes will be available soon. Take this opportunity to encourage your co-workers to join.

Membership cost \$25.00

As of April 1, 2014, Membership Dues are \$35.00 for the 2014 calendar year

Thank you to all of our colleagues that came out to Celebrate Purchasing Month with us at the Meet and Greet Meeting held on Friday, March 7, 2014.