2016 Chapter Award Entry

Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association- RMGPA

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Entries Due by May 9, 2016

Award Categories:

- CHAPTER OF THE YEAR
  Chapter of the Year submissions must include documentation for the four Excellence categories below as well as documentation to show excellence in Chapter Operations.
  - Small Chapter (under 100)
  - Medium Chapter (101-200)
  - Large Chapter (201-350)
  - Extra Large Chapter (351 or more)

- EXCELLENCE IN MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

- EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

- EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE
Entry Form

I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS (Chapter of the Year Only)

1. Conducted an Officer Transition meeting providing written policies and procedures.
2. Had a current strategic plan with action items.
3. Established a formal marketing plan.
4. Conducted the following (No documentation required, simply indicate Yes or No for each on the blank provided):

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5. Bonus: Show us something new or innovative in Chapter Operations.

II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

1. Engaged in member recruitment activities and programs.
2. Engaged in member retention activities and programs.
3. Conducted member engagement activities and programs (i.e. Newsletters, surveys, awards, membership meetings).
4. Created membership enhancements through technology (i.e. Resource Library/research tools, job posting, online member directory, online payments, calendar of events).
5. Established a mentor program (young professionals, career development, chapter leadership, or certification).
6. Bonus: Show us something new or innovative in membership recruitment, retention and engagement.
III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Administered an NIGP educational curriculum for members (list NIGP classes that were scheduled, NIGP classes that were held and, indicate the number of attendees).

2. Hosted events such as conferences, trade shows or reverse trade shows (list and include dates and agendas).

3. Hosted Chapter professional development opportunities (list and include dates and agendas).

4. Supported certification through CPPB and CPPO prep classes, study groups, and recognition of newly certified members.

5. Provided speakers, facilitators, or moderators at procurement related educational events and seminars, including those for NIGP.

6. Bonus: Show us something new or innovative in education and professional development.

IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

1. Monitored and reported legislative updates and had a positive influence.

2. Held a successful community service or grassroots effort that significantly increased the visibility of the procurement profession.

3. Held a Chapter-sponsored Procurement Month activity or event.

4. Forged a partnership with a non-traditional partner (i.e. Other Professional Associations, Municipal Associations, Non-Profit organizations, etc.).

5. Collaborated with another NIGP Chapter or other procurement association.

6. Bonus: Show us something new or innovative in advocacy.

V. EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE

1. Created a formal engagement/partnership with a Higher-Ed program.

2. Offered a Scholarship Program that provided financial assistance to Chapter members (list type and provide application form).

3. Chapter attended career fairs, made “Procurement as a Profession” presentation, or created outreach to a specific audience (students, new professionals).

4. Utilized social media as a form of outreach and communication.

5. Created an internship and/or work-study program.

6. Bonus: Show us something new or innovative in inspiring procurement for the future.
2016 NIGP EXTRA LARGE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION
# RMGPA

## CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

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The Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) Chapter of NIGP’s mission is to provide our membership with the education, professional development, and technical assistance required to secure the public trust through the promotion of excellence and effectiveness in Public Procurement.

RMGPA is truly a family of procurement professionals committed to making connections, sharing information, mentoring new professionals, and continually looking for opportunities to improve the Chapter and the profession for the good of all members and public procurement.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit this entry for Extra Large Size Chapter of the Year and Excellence in Advocacy for Members and the Profession.

Sincerely,

RMGPA Board of Directors and Members

**Highlights:**
- “Making Connections” throughout 2015
- Using Google Hangouts, free video conferencing, to connect remote members
- First Student Member
- First RMGPA Student Brochure
- 45% increase in vendor participation through the use of BidNet advertising
- Over $50,000 raised in 2 vendor events
- Three distinct opportunities for scholarships
- March is Procurement Month support and promotion through video with Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper
- Enhanced engagements with higher education
- Collaboration with NIGP Chapters on classes, operations, presentations, and Google Hangouts
I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

1. Officer Transition Meeting

- The Board of Directors held its annual Officer Transitional Meeting after Winter Conference in December. The meeting included:
  - A review of the RMGPA Bylaws, Policies, Procedures and Important Meeting Dates
  - A discussion Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members
  - Sharing of goals and ideas for 2015
  - Evaluating budget cycle dates
  - A conversation on proposed conference locations and dates
  - Welcoming new Board Members
  - Setting an exciting and energetic tone for 2015
  - Review a copy of the Transitional Board Meeting Packet
I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

2. Strategic Plan and Action Items

- The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to develop sustainable strategies and identify responsibilities and resources within RMGPA. Strategies are based upon the current climate of the organization and recommended for implementation over the course of the year. Recommendations are reviewable, revisable and provide accountability while reinforcing continuous improvement.

- The RMGPA Board of Directors meets annually to review its Strategic Plan. They discuss successes and challenges of the past as well as opportunities and action items for the future. Quarterly meetings are also held to review the Plan, assess action items, and make any modifications necessary to fit the needs of the chapter.

- The Strategic Plan is presented to Membership each year for feedback and engagement.
I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

2. Strategic Plan and Action Items (continued)
   - 2015 Strategic Plan and Report Card of Actions Items
     (click on image to view documents)
I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

3. Marketing Plan
   • The 2015 Marketing Plan focused on the action items in the RMGPA Strategic Plan to reach membership and vendors using social media and creative outlets like Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.
3. Marketing Plan (continued)

- Our corporate support program was utilized to secure a technology partner, Zunesis. We continue to promote the program through the distribution of our Marketing Bookmark to all potential corporate sponsors.

- We also leveraged our relationship with a vendor partner, BidNet, to help advertise our Reverse Vendor Trade Show and Winter Trade Show. As a result, vendor participation was up over 45% from the previous year.
1. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

3. **Marketing Plan** (continued)
   - Continuing to attract RMGPA & NIGP membership remains a key component of the Marketing Plan.
   - Distribution of our Membership Bookmark is used to increase involvement by explaining what we do and reinforcing the benefits of belonging to RMGPA.

RMGPA Membership up almost 6% over 2014
I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

3. Marketing Plan (continued)

- In 2016, we developed our first RMGPA Student Membership Brochure for distribution at career fairs.

(click on image to view brochure)
4. Confirmation

- RMGPA proudly confirms that the chapter has completed the following for 2015:

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5. Bonus: New or Innovative in Chapter Operations

- RMGPA is continually looking for new and innovative ways to use technology to connect with members and other NIGP Chapters.

- We began using Google Hangouts in early 2015 for Board meetings. We have since transitioned to using this free video conferencing platform as a regular part of our conference Business Meetings to give members who can’t attend, the opportunity to participate.

- We successfully expanded this revolutionary option and invited other NIGP Chapters to join a meeting to learn how to use Google Hangouts for their membership. The NIGP chapters from Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii joined us in December for a trial at Winter Conference. (click on the article to expand)
I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

5. Bonus: New or Innovative in Chapter Operations (continued)

- Google Hangout photos and invites:

   ![Hangout Photos and Invites](image-url)
5. **Bonus: New or Innovative in Chapter Operations** (continued)

- RMGPA is dedicated to providing up-to-date technology to help our members access information. Every five years RMGPA has committed to refreshing its website, [www.rmgpa.org](http://www.rmgpa.org).
- In 2015 an update of the website included a *welcome video* for new and prospective members and an overall contemporary feel.

![Original Site](image1)

![New and Improved Site](image2)
II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

1. Engage in Member Recruitment
   - RMGPA Membership Committee recognizes new members and first time conference attendees at each conference and in our newsletters.

   Conference First-Timers Welcomed

   The RMGPA Family is continuing to grow!! We had 13 new members register and attend the Summer Conference. Their attendance is a direct reflection of the excellent programming and the fun energetic atmosphere of our organization.

   We again want to extend a warm RMGPA “Welcome” to all new Members and our first time conference attendees. We are looking forward to seeing you at future RMGPA events and conferences.

   Spring

   Summer

   Fall

   Winter
II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

1. Engage in Member Recruitment (continued)

- An Annual Membership Drive is held each Fall by our Membership Committee to recruit new RMGPA colleagues. The Committee offers free membership for the remainder of the year for those that sign up for the coming year.

- The chapter also offers group, discounted rates for NIGP Forum Registration and encourages all members to become NIGP members.
II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

2. Engage in Member Retention
   • Our membership retention outreach includes:
     • **Member Milestones** at each Winter Conference
     • Past Presidents’ Reception
     • RMGPA Rewards for Volunteers
     • RMGPA Volunteer Recognition
     • Retirement & Lifetime Member Recognition

Sharon Williams - Retirement

30 years - Ruth Smith

Curt DeCapite - Lifetime Member
II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

3. Member Engagement
   • RMGPA conducts surveys throughout the year to gain valuable feedback from our members.
     • In 2015 member survey participation was 44% and member satisfaction of conferences was 86%.
   • RMGPA Buyer and Manager of the Year Awards
   • RMGPA Distinguished Service Award
   • RMGPA Volunteer of the Year Award
   • Quarterly RMGPA High Notes Newsletters
     (click on the links below to view newsletters)
     • 2015, Issue I
     • 2015, Issue II
     • 2015, Issue III
     • 2015, Issue IV

Member Survey Response at an All Time High!
II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

4. Membership Enhancements through Technology

• RMGPA’s website is a versatile tool used to communicate important, up-to-date information to membership, connect members, make on-line payments, store archived documents, view the Specification Library, and post-conference presentations.
II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

4. Membership Enhancements through Technology (continued)

• RMGPA recognized a need to connect membership to Board and Conference Business meetings when they couldn’t attend in person. In 2015, Google Hangouts, a free video conferencing, was rolled out to a resounding applause.
5. Mentor Program
RMGPA leaders take considerable steps to:

- Mentor new members, young professionals, other NIGP chapter members, and local students using a variety of programs (i.e. speaking events, certification prep, knowledge sharing, and new member discounts and scholarships for classes).

- Continue to mentor members through a CPPB & CPPO certification support group and study materials.

- Provide ongoing guidance to mentor new Board members and Committee volunteers as they transition into leadership roles.
II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

6. Bonus: New or Innovative in Membership

- 2015 was the year for “Making Connections”. RMGPA committed itself to championing fun through membership. Exciting events were designed so members could connect professionally while enjoying the camaraderie at the same time.
III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Administer NIGP Curriculum for Members
   - 2015 saw sixteen professional development opportunities through RMGPA in addition to quarterly conferences that included additional professional development classes of their own.

![Image of people at a meeting]

Global Best Practices

Click on schedule for details

65% of members attended NIGP Classes and RMGPA events!

Contract Administration in the Public Sector Class
III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2. Hosted Events (Conferences, Trade Shows, and Reverse Trade Shows)

- RMGPA hosted four conferences, a Reverse Vendor Trade show and a Winter Trade show in 2015.

  Spring Conference Agenda  March 13, 2015
  Summer Conference Agenda  June 11-12, 2015
  Fall Conference Agenda  September 11, 2015
  Winter Conference Agenda  December 10-11, 2015

- 57% of membership attended events in 2015 and more than 155 vendors connected with membership in the RVTS and Winter Trade Show.
2. Hosted Events (continued)

Michael Asner presents at 2015 Spring Conference

2015 Reverse Vendor Trade Show

2015 RVTS- CDOT Booth

Vendor Tweet about 2015 Winter Trade Show

Vendor Trade Show Participation up by 45%!
III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

3. Hosted Chapter Professional Development Opportunities
   (Click on schedule and email for details)
III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

3. Hosted Chapter Professional Development Opportunities (Continued)

RMGPA provided an excellent opportunity for Members to purchase RFP resources at a discounted rate:

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Good Afternoon:

As announced at the Spring Conference, RMGPA members may purchase Michael Asner’s newest edition of The Request for Proposal Handbook for a limited time at the discounted price of $55.00. This is a nearly 68% reduction on the typical selling price of $170.00. To purchase, register by Monday, March 23rd at 11:59 p.m. The books will be delivered to one location and RMGPA will distribute the books to members.

Learn more about the book on Michael’s [website](#).  

Have a great week!

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III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4. Supported Certification through CPPB/CPPO Prep Classes, Study Groups, and Recognized New Certified Members

- RMGPA not only supports certification of CPPB & CPPO candidates but celebrates each certified member.
III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

5. Provided Speakers, Facilitators or Moderators at Procurement Related Events and Seminars, Including for NIGP
   • Both local and NIGP speakers were on hand for RMGPA conference classes.

- RFP Evaluation Panel
  State of Colorado - Judy Giovanni
  Sherri Gibson, and Challon Winer

- The Power of Fun at Work
  Walt Stasinski

- Global Best Practices
  Lisa Premo, NIGP

- Leadership Qualities Public Professionals Need Now
  David Rabiner
III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

5. Provided Speakers, Facilitators or Moderators at Procurement Related Events and Seminars, Including for NIGP (continued)

- RMGPA members stepped up to volunteer as panelists and speakers at conferences, NIGP Webinars, and at the 2015 NIGP Forum.

Molly McLoughlin & Jerel Nielsen  
2015 NIGP Forum Speakers  
“K-12 Conversations That Connect”

Keith Ashby  
2015 NIGP Forum Speaker  
“Show Me the Money” Financials Review
III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

6. Bonus: New or Innovative in Education and Professional Development
   • RMGPA partnered with the State of Colorado to offer free classes in the Fundamentals in Colorado Procurement taught by RMGPA and NIGP member, Christine Weber.

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IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

1. Monitored and Reported Legislative Updates and Had a Positive Influence
   - RMGPA Legislative Committee continually monitors and reports on any updates on legislation that affects public procurement in the State of Colorado.
   - Our Legislative Committee has the opportunity to send feedback from members to State Representatives.

(Click on image for details)
IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS IN THE PROFESSION

2. Held a Successful Community Service or Grassroots Effort That Significantly Increased the Visibility of the Procurement Profession

- In its commitment to give back to the community, RMGPA coordinated two donation drives. Advocate Safe House was the recipient of our Summer Conference drive and the Southeast Baptist Food Pantry benefited from the drive at Winter Conference.
IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS IN THE PROFESSION

3. Held a Chapter-Sponsored Procurement Month Activity or Event

- As part of our Purchasing Month celebration we had a special video and message with Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper: https://youtu.be/qrWPOmViN3M
  
- RMGPA worked to get March recognized as National Purchasing Month in Colorado with a Governor’s Proclamation

- Various celebrations also took place throughout RMGPA and in our March Newsletter
### IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS IN THE PROFESSION

3. Held a Chapter-Sponsored Procurement Month Activity or Event (continued)

- The State of Colorado Proclamation and RMGPA video with Governor John Hickenlooper: [https://youtu.be/qrWPOmViN3M](https://youtu.be/qrWPOmViN3M) was also featured on NIGP’s Website.
IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS IN THE PROFESSION

4. Forged a Partnership with a Non-Traditional Partner (i.e. Other Professional Associations, Municipal Associations, Non-Profit Organizations, etc.)

- RMGPA established a relationship with Zunesis to provide updated technology that helped to enhance Chapter operations.

- The State of Colorado Purchasing Office and RMGPA worked together to advertise and bring free procurement training to membership.

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Fundamentals of Colorado Procurement Training

The Colorado State Purchasing Office started offering this course and has extended it to a 2-day course beginning with the fall course on August 6 and 7, 2015. It includes presentations from the DPA Office of the State Controller’s Central Contract Unit and the DPA Division of Human Resources’ Office of Risk Management. These departments will focus on Risk Management/Insurance and Contract Administration.

Classes are held the first Thursday and Friday of every month, except July and December.

The expanded training agenda offers a Certificate for a total of 14 Seminar Contact hours that may be used for Professional Certification.

All Government Offices, including State Agencies, Institutions of Higher Education, and Local Government are encouraged to attend this training at NO CHARGE.

Registration information can be found on the RMGPA website.
IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

4. Forged a Partnership with a Non-Traditional Partner (continued)

- RMGPA utilized local e-procurement platform, Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System (BidNet), to advertise and invite vendors to participate in the annual Reverse Vendor Trade Show and Winter Trade Show.

- Vendor participation in both events increased by 50% and brought $49,790 into the chapter for scholarship opportunities, a 48% increase over the previous year.
IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

5. Collaborated with Another NIGP Chapter or Other Procurement Association

- 2015 saw a collaboration with other NIGP chapters in many ways including Google Hangouts, presentations, classes, and CPPO/CPPB preparation materials to name a few. (Click on images for details)
IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

5. Collaborated with Another NIGP Chapter or Other Procurement Association (continued)

- RMGPA is continually looking for new and innovative ways to use technology to connect with members and other NIGP Chapters.

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5. **Collaborated with Another NIGP Chapter or Other Procurement Association** (continued)

- Because of their experience with RMGPA and Google Hangouts, Alaska and Hawaii are now considering using this platform to start their own NIGP Chapter.
IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

6. BONUS: New or Innovative in Advocacy

- RMGPA had the distinct honor of sitting down for an interview with Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper for March is Procurement Month!

- Watch the video at: https://youtu.be/qrWPOmViN3M
IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

6. **BONUS: New or Innovative in Advocacy** (continued)

- RMGPA had the distinct honor of doing a video with Governor John Hickenlooper for March is Procurement Month!
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V. EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE

1. Created a Formal Engagement/Partnership with a Higher-Ed Program

- An RMGPA member’s presentation titled “What is Public Procurement” offered a Colorado State University Business class a peek into what we do.

- This presentation was also shared with other NIGP Chapters through Leaders in the Loop. (Click here for a link to the presentation.)

What is Public Procurement?

- Purchasing has been defined as buying the right goods, at the right time, at the right price, in the right quantity, and of the right quality.

- Simply put, public procurement is the contracting and acquisition of the goods and services required to sustain society and its way of life.

- And no two days are alike.
V. EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE

1. Created a Formal Engagement/Partnership with a Higher-Ed Program (continued)

- University of Colorado Leeds School of Business invited RMGPA to participate in a Meet and Greet program with Management students.
V. EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE

2. Offered a Scholarship Program That Provided Financial Assistance to Chapter Members

- RMGPA offers three distinctly different scholarships opportunities to members for professional development.

1. New Member Professional Development Discount. $200 discount towards a class for New Members.
   - Application Link

2. RMGPA Scholarship. 100% of the cost of class.
   - Application Link
V. EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE

2. Offered a Scholarship Program That Provided Financial Assistance to Chapter Members (continued)

3. Rewards. $200/ea. for members who are active in the chapter and volunteer on committees or in another capacity for RMGPA or NIGP.

- Application Link
V. EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE

3. Chapter Attended Career Fairs, Made “Procurement as a Profession” Presentation, or Created Outreach to a Specific Audience

- Understanding the importance of inspiring students, RMGPA not only participated in events at Colorado State University and University of Colorado but also presented to students at Fort Collins High School on career opportunities in public procurement.

A Future in Public Procurement?

Submitted by Skeet McCracken, CPPA, CPPB, Vice President

Terra Thiebaut, the DECA Advisor at Fort Collins High School, invited RMGPA Vice President Skeet McCracken to join a class session at Fort Collins High School on September 24, 2015 to discuss careers in public purchasing. About ten students involved in DECA attended the fifty minute classroom session to learn more about public procurement opportunities. Along with Skeet McCracken, CPPA and CPPB, Senior Buyer for Poudre School District, Ed Bonnette, CPPA, Senior Buyer for the City of Fort Collins, and Jill Wilson, Buyer for the City of Fort Collins presented specific examples of work-related scenarios and attributes entailed to be successful in spearheading procurement activities within an organization. Some students inquired about the specific roles/responsibilities of a buyer within a public organization. Salary and benefit information was also shared with the students. They were encouraged to take business-related courses in college and pursue CPPB/CPPA certifications to maximize their efforts in pursuing a career in this growing field.

What a great opportunity for these students!
V. EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE

4. Utilized Social Media As a Form of Outreach and Communication
   • RMGPA uses LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook to not only connect with members and vendors but to also celebrate successes.
5. Created an Internship and/or Work-Study Program

Our first RMGPA Student Brochure has created internship and work-study opportunities. RMGPA helps to match student interests with member agency opportunities.
RMGPA Welcomes Its First Student Member!

Jennifer Guzman - Student Member

5. Created an Internship and/or Work-Study Program (continued)

• RMGPA’s first Student Member, Jennifer Guzman, is currently completing an internship with the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Jennifer is a Miami, Florida native who packed her bags and moved to the Rocky Mountain region just five days after graduating from the University of Florida with her degree in Business Management. Jennifer was first introduced to the government purchasing process by navigating the Bids and Proposals system to help her parent’s small business. She later went on to prepare and process Quotes, Bids and Proposals for a national company offering a wide variety of services.

Jennifer is currently a second-year law student at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. She joined the Colorado Department of Transportation in September 2015 as a Legal Intern in the Center for Procurement and Contract Services where she assists in the administration of contracts, researches applicable laws and regulations for contract development, and helps coordinate long-term CDOT projects. Outside of work, her interests include spontaneous road trips, Harry Potter trivia, cupcakes, and the Denver Broncos.
V. EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE


- RMGPA is devoted to bridging the generation gap in an effort to connect with future RMGPA and public procurement members. 2015 was filled with inspiring presentations and opportunities including speaking at universities, introducing high school students to RMGPA, creating a student membership brochure, recruiting our first student member and navigating social media.
Thank you for considering RMGPA as the 2016 NIGP Extra Large Chapter of the year.

RMGPA is truly a family of procurement professionals committed to making connections, sharing information, mentoring new professionals, and continually looking for opportunities to improve the Chapter and the profession for the good of all members and public procurement.

- Past President, Molly McLoughlin, CPPB