



KENTUCKY PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ASSOCIATION (KPPA)



Membership Guide



KPPA MISSION STATEMENT

To provide, promote, and support professional development in procurement practices for our diverse membership through educational opportunities and communication while achieving and maintaining the highest standards of ethics, integrity, public trust and awareness.

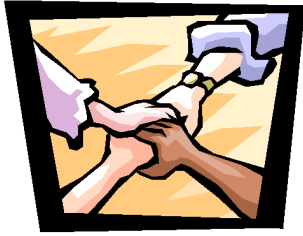




PURPOSE

- Promote and encourage professional development and competence through continuing education.
- Promote cooperation and understanding among public agencies and officials.
- Provide a professional forum for the exchange of ideas, research, and experiences.
- Support and promote continuing improvements in the field of public procurement.
- Support the principles and concepts of effective competition, increased public confidence, and equitable treatment of all persons involved in public procurement.
- Support on-going improvements in public procurement through seminars and technical training.





ABOUT KPPA

- KPPA is the Kentucky Chapter of The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP).
- KPPA was established in 1985.
- KPPA was officially chartered by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) in 1990.





MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Membership in the Kentucky Public Procurement Association (KPPA) is open to public officials representing federal, state, county, or city governments; colleges and universities; school systems; political subdivisions; and other public entities who are full-time employees having purchasing, contracting, or materials management responsibilities.





MEMBERSHIP FEES

There are **TWO** ways to become a member, both of which can be completed through the KPPA website, <http://kppanigp.org>.

- Register and attend the KPPA Annual Forum and Products Exposition. Membership for the upcoming calendar year is included with your conference registration.
- If you are unable to attend the conference, you can still become a member for the year and enjoy our many benefits by registering online and submitting payment for \$75.

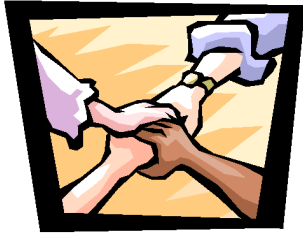




BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP EDUCATION

- KPPA sponsors multiple training opportunities throughout each calendar year, including NIGP classes.
- Seminars are specifically tailored to develop the members' proficiency in public procurement, contracting and management fields.
- KPPA enhances members' understanding of the NIGP general body of knowledge needed for internationally recognized professional certifications such as the Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) or the management level Certified Public Purchasing Officer (CPPO).
- KPPA offers specific topics to address Kentucky statutes and regulations.
- KPPA seminars provide the necessary credits for NIGP certification and recertification points.





BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

KPPA promotes certification through the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council (UPPCC) by offering content training, review courses, and monetary incentives to members. Once certified, members can easily maintain their certification status with re-certification points earned at inexpensive seminars and by attending the KPPA Annual Forum and Vendor Exposition.





BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP NETWORKING

KPPA is made up of over 250 of active public procurement professionals from across the Commonwealth. A member directory is available to KPPA members to encourage a “members helping members” environment.

Visit our website at <http://kppanigp.org> for more information!





BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCES

The KPPA Annual Forum and Vendor Exposition is held each fall. This three-day event is full of educational seminars, networking opportunities, and a vendor expo with an average of 100 vendor booths. KPPA also offers its members an early bird discount for early registration to the conference. Check our website for details so you can take advantage of the savings! <http://kppanigp.org>



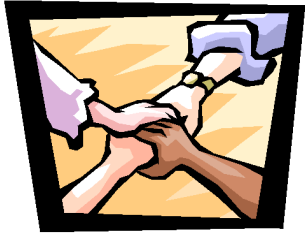


BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP PURCHASING MONTH

The month of March is designated by NIGP as “Procurement Month.”

To recognize and celebrate Procurement Month, KPPA offers its members a day of free workshops and lunch!





BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

KPPA awards multiple scholarships in excess of **\$10,000** each year to its members. These scholarships can be used toward continuing education through NIGP-developed training, KPPA training, or college courses specific to the procurement and contracting arena.





Benefits of Membership Recognition Awards

KPPA values each of its members and recognizes exceptional professional development and service. KPPA offers the following awards:

- Values and Guiding Principles (VGP)
- Buyer of the Year
- Manager of the Year
- Agency of the Year





BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

KPPA publishes the *In Voice*, a quarterly newsletter to keep members aware of current procurement news, members' achievements, NIGP events and career tips.

The *In Voice* also announces relevant procurement sessions and upcoming educational events. This newsletter is posted on the KPPA website.

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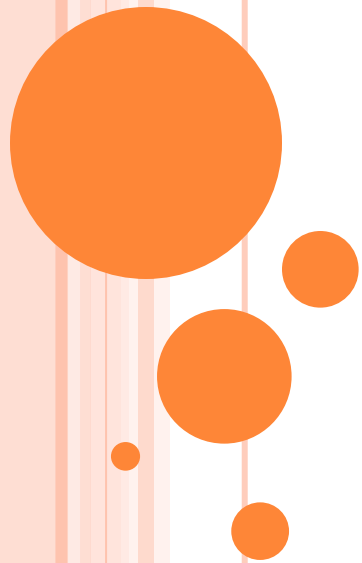
KPPA NEEDS YOU!

Because the success of KPPA is dependent on the committees that serve the organization, KPPA needs **your** talents and energy. We encourage our members to become active and contribute to the KPPA by serving on committees of their choice. If you would like to serve on one of these committees or have questions about them, please contact any KPPA Board Member.





KPPA TESTIMONIALS





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“KPPA has afforded me many opportunities, including expanding my procurement education, fostering my procurement certification, and broadening my opportunities to serve on national committees through the NIGP. ...the most pleasure that I received through KPPA was meeting and working with the many wonderful and knowledgeable people.”

Joan E. Graham, CPPO, CPPB
Deputy Executive Director
FAC, Office of Procurement Services





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“As I get to know other KPPA professionals I realize that the friendships are great but the advice and direction they provide are also invaluable. It’s nice to know that these people are just a phone call or email away; and they’re always happy to help.”

Tom Stratton, MBA, CPPO, CPPB, CPM
KDE Procurement Manager



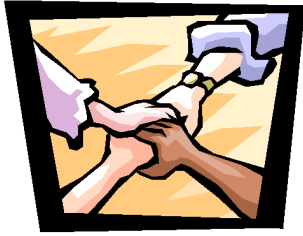


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“This year I saw KPPA go beyond the call of duty. With budgets being cut, and seeing that members were struggling to take additional classes for professional development, the board members voted to pay for preparation classes in order for members to take [CPPB/CPPO] certification tests. Many who tested (including me!) would not have been able had it not been for KPPA. You definitely don’t want to miss out!”

**Stacy Phillips, CPPO, CPPB
CHFS, Office of Policy and Budget**





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“Membership in KPPA has given me access to the expertise of numerous purchasing officials across the country through networking and attending seminars.”

John W. Combs III
CHFS, Division of Administration and
Financial Management





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“In recent years KPPA has served as a model for other state chapters in terms of educational offerings, national speaker participation at the KPPA Forum and Exposition, participation of KPPA members on national committees and events, and numerous scholarship opportunities available to its members. I am one of the many KPPA members who have greatly benefited from the generous scholarship opportunities afforded by KPPA every year.”

**Jackie Watkins, CPPO, CPPB
CHFS, Office of Policy and Budget**





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“KPPA has helped me reach a level of professionalism that I’m proud of. I encourage all of Kentucky’s procurement professionals to become involved in KPPA and to take advantage of the many opportunities KPPA offers.”

**Kathy Robinson, CPPO, CPPB
FAC, Office of Procurement Services**





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“KPPA offers its members many professional development opportunities through social networks, quarterly newsletters, scholarships, training sessions, etc. There are endless possibilities if you just take the first step of becoming an active KPPA member! Get involved!”

**Sarah E. Smith, CPPB, Manager
CHFS, Division of Procurement**





CONFERENCE FEEDBACK FROM YEARS PAST

- Networking opportunities with purchasing peers.
- The seminars were great this year.
- The speakers and sessions were some of the best I've seen at KPPA.
- I like the Round Table discussions.
- Ethics and how to write specs. Details that we don't get trained on at our jobs.
- Networking and round table discussions.
- The variety of seminars available.
- The positive attitude speaker.
- The Vendor Expo and Social Event.
- Prizes.
- The structure of the sessions is always great.





THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

<http://kppanigp.org>

FOR MORE INFORMATION