

What do you think of when you see
YELLOW and BLACK?

Well, those are the colors of the *CliffNotes* and *For Dummies* series of books that make complicated subject matter easy for everyone. Both are extensively sold and used here in the U.S.

In Mississippi, we offer the same service for \$35 a year for anyone involved in the procurement cycle.

We are...



Can you really find anything of value for \$35 a year?

Well, the answer is YES.

The Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing and Property Agents (MAGPPA) is responsible for uniting entities across this State that are all buying the same products and services, follow similar rules and regulations, making a difference in the administrative cost to J. Q. Taxpayer, and striving to help their local entity with economic development. Government spends a great deal of money in your area and entrepreneurs open businesses to meet the needs of public and private sector.

What can MAGPPA offer you?

Many members think that the **Networking** opportunities are the greatest asset of the organization.

Through MAGPPA quarterly meetings, Lunch & Learn seminars, and Annual Conference, you will meet other members who work for entities just like yours that you can contact for assistance.

That assistance may come in the form of a set of specifications. What is the old saying? "Don't re-invent the wheel." You can connect with other members of MAGPPA through the website and ask for advice, a set of specifications, a list of potential vendors, etc. The list is endless.

Ask any MAGPPA member what benefit they have derived from their membership.

Education is a key component of the organization. MAGPPA strives to offer the maximum educational value for its members through our conference, our meetings, and our offerings of international courses sponsored by NIGP – the Institute of Public Procurement.

The education component offered by MAGPPA is the way to stay up-to-date on the latest practices and the latest changes in laws and regulations.

Finding **New Vendors** is a valuable key to competition-driven pricing. Competition among vendors results in a source of savings. The Annual Conference and Vendor Show provides you with new sources. Typically, 80+ vendors participate in the show.

MAGPPA also posts **Job Opportunities** on our website which could lead you to advancement in your field.

- MAGPPA will leave you motivated, educated and full of excitement for the purchasing and property profession.
- Check out the MAGPPA website for daily updates and highlights
- MAGPPA continues to unite the purchasing and property profession across the state of Mississippi
- MAGPPA works closely with our elected officials to improve public purchasing and property across Mississippi

As one member said so eloquently, “I can’t imagine being in Public Purchasing and Property in Mississippi and not being a member of MAGPPA.”

today! My boss just gave me a huge project with a hurry-up and get it done... I sent out a Member Connect request and within MINUTES I had three sets of specs for the project. This alone is worth the price of our MAGPPA memberships. MAGPPA members are awesome!"

Many public sector employees wear multiple hats – don't ignore the Purchasing/Property hat you wear. The benefit of wise, dollar-saving practices will make a valuable difference in your entity.

To learn more about the Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing and Property Agents, visit our website at www.magppa.org and learn more about the national organization at www.nigp.org. If you have any questions, click the **Contact Us** tab, and any of the officers listed there will be glad to answer any questions you may have about membership.



“Public service is an honor and a privilege, and I am proud of my service to Mississippi. Working with state, local, federal and the private sector, I have seen firsthand the impact the procurement and property professionals have on safeguarding our resources. MAGPPA serves a vital role in assisting these professionals, and I encourage all government entities to support this extremely worthwhile organization.”

Amy Tuck
Vice President Campus Services
Mississippi State University
(former Lieutenant Governor, State of Mississippi)

“MAGPPA presently serves over six hundred procurement and property professionals throughout the State of Mississippi. These professionals have the responsibility for executing, implementing and administering contracts; developing forecasts and procurement strategies; and maintaining working relationships with suppliers. They also play a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of government, business, and industry.

“As Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, I truly appreciate the efforts put forth by the purchasing professionals in Mississippi to promote and maintain high ethical values, enhance public purchasing practices, protect the public trust and make a positive difference by leading the way with excellence and integrity.”

Kevin Upchurch
Executive Director
Department of Finance and Administration

“Hinds Community College is a stellar example of how MAGPPA serves its members with quality education opportunities and successful outcomes. HCC is a long standing supporter of MAGPPA and our procurement professionals. We have had a fully certified staff four years running, a staff that has served in various leadership and officer roles in MAGPPA, and who have been recognized by their peers as award recipients. The proof of MAGPPA's value is in the outcome.”

Dr. Clyde Muse
President
Hinds Community College