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Honoring Shelia Simpson

Middle Tennessee Public Purchasing Association is deeply saddened at the death of long time member and colleague Shelia Simpson. Shelia was the Director of Programs for the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise. Shelia was a long-time state employee, beginning her career with state government in 1997. The remarkable success of the Governor's Office Diversity Program owes much to her passion, leadership, and hard work. She will be missed tremendously.



LUNCH AND LEARN

Virtual Lunch and Learn Series - August
20th

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Topic: Open Records presented by
Rachel Buckley
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MTPPA celebrates 40 years!!!

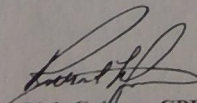
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~ 40 YEAR ~
ANNIVERSARY

Presented to

**Mid-TN Public Purchasing
Association Chapter of NIGP**

*In recognition of your unwavering and long-standing support of
public procurement through your affiliation with NIGP.
It has been an honor and privilege to serve you and your
predecessors for 40 memorable years.*


Rick Grimm, CPPO, CPPB
Chief Executive Officer



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INVITES YOU TO A:

Virtual Lunch & Learn Series

TOPIC: OPEN RECORDS

**Speaker: Rachel Buckley, Assistant General Council,
TN Comptroller of the Treasury**

The training is designed to enhance knowledge about the rights and responsibilities set forth in these laws. Topics such as how to receive public record requests, how to respond to public record requests, how much to charge for public records, public records policies, and what records are confidential will be addressed.

August 20, 2020

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**REGISTER VIA EVENTBRITE:
CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER**



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Keeping up with Procurement

Read this article about "How Public Procurement can better prepare of the next crisis":

<https://www.americancityandcounty.com/2020/07/21/how-public-procurement-can-better-prepare-for-the-next-unpredictable-crisis/>

Is the Public Sector ready for a permanent work from home policy? Read this article to hear this author's opinion:

<https://www.americancityandcounty.com/2020/08/05/returning-to-telework-is-the-public-sector-ready-for-a-more-permanent-work-from-home-policy/>



It's not too late to register for the NIGP Forum 2020.

Click [here](#) to register!



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Keeping up with Procurement (cont'd)

FREE Upcoming 90-Minute Webinar from NIGP

Participate in engaging and informative Webinars on trending topics you don't want to miss.

NIGP Certification: Introducing the NIGP-CPP

Get detailed information on what makes this new certification unique. Learn about the eligibility requirements, the application process, the exam content and more.

[August 12 1PM - 2:30PM \(CDT\)](#)

Leading Virtually

Learn how to enhance your skills in the virtual environment and become more comfortable with the technology to achieve higher rates of success.

[September 1 1PM - 2:30 PM \(CDT\)](#)

4 Intake Mistakes That Put Your Bids and RFPs at Risk

Discover how implementing a connected procurement intake process improves efficiency, reduces errors, and ensures best-value decisions.

[September 17 1PM - 2:30PM \(CDT\)](#)

Dealing with Anxiety and Depression

When anxiety attacks become frequent and low moods are more severe and tend to persist, there is reason for concern. Presenters share their very personal experiences in the hope that you can apply what is learned to help yourself and others.

[September 22 1PM - 2:30PM \(CDT\)](#)