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Contracting for Construction and Design Services

This course is sponsored by Carolinas Association of General Contractors.

Due to COVID-19 precautions and travel restrictions, this course will be held in an online format using Zoom. Virtual live sessions will be held on Monday, September 28 through Friday, October 2, 2020 each morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm (with class held until 12:30 pm on Monday, September 28). This year's online version of the course will feature some asynchronous content, such as pre-recorded video segments, and synchronous live sessions with instructors. This course addresses topics of interest to those involved in public construction contracting at the local government level or in the procurement of the services of engineers and architects.

Topics of discussion will include:

- bidding procedures;
- construction methods, including alternative delivery;
- minority participation and reporting requirements;
- legal aspects of construction contracts;
- contract administration; and
- selection of design services.



A panel will address recommended practices in construction, including Joint AIA/AGC Committee recommendations, as well as hot topics in construction contracting across the State. The online format and virtual delivery will not change the substantive content of the course, and the course will continue to fulfill the requirements for the CAGP Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer (CLGPO) certification.

New Registration Process for this Online Course:

Attendees will need to be registered in 2 places: Once through [SOG via the register links](#) above like we've always done, and also through [Zoom](#) using the **same name and email address for both registrations**.

Here's how it works:

- Once you complete your registration through the links above, you will receive a confirmation email that also contains a special link to complete an additional registration form in Zoom.
- Do not share your zoom registration link with others as it is unique only to the person receiving it.
- This Zoom registration ensures accurate attendance records and adds a layer of security.
- Zoom will then send you a unique access web link that will allow you to join the zoom session specified.
- This access information is unique and personalized just for you and will not work for others.
- Please be sure to add this unique Zoom weblink to your calendar so you'll have it when you need it.

Receiving a Certificate of Completion:

- You will need to be registered in our system as well as in Zoom, using the same name and email address in both systems. (see above section titled New Registration Process for this Program)
- You will need to join the meeting using the unique access link sent to you from registering in Zoom.
- You will need to attend this program using a computer/laptop/ipad with internet, preferably equipped with a camera and microphone. (See below section Titled Advance Preparation for the Program)

Advance Preparation for the Program:

[\[more info...\]](#)

Certification: This course is required for the CLGPO (Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer) certification.

Credit: This course includes continuing education credits for attorneys, architects, and engineers, and is required for CLGPO (Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer) certification.

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UNIVERSAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
CERTIFICATION COUNCIL

UPPCC Announces New CPPO / CPPB Certification Examinations Coming in October 2021

Lexington, KY – August 11, 2020 - The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC), the recognized leader in universal public procurement certification, announces new examinations for both the Certified Public Procurement Officer® (CPPO®) and Certified Professional Public Buyer® (CPPB®) beginning with the October 18 - 30, 2021, exam window.

The change to the examinations comes after the completion of the most recent universal [Job Analysis](#) in June 2020. According to the Job Analysis survey results, 99% of respondents to the CPPO and CPPB survey indicated that the survey described the critical knowledge, skills, and abilities required for competent public procurement practice. These examinations are based on the competencies that underpin the profession of public procurement. The CPPO exam focuses on all competencies needed to demonstrate leadership in the six domain areas, while the CPPB exam focuses on the practice-level knowledge required to be proficient in this important work.

The UPPCC is grateful for the commitment to the profession demonstrated by the members of the Job Analysis Task Force, for the support of our partners, and for the thousands of UPPCC and public procurement professionals who participated throughout the project.

For additional information, contact: Ann Peshoff, CAE, CMP, Exec. Director, UPPCC, apeshoff@uppcc.org, visit the [UPPCC New Exams FAQ](#) page, or [New Exams October 2021](#).

About the UPPCC

The UPPCC was jointly formed by the National Institute for Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) and the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) to govern and administer the Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) and Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) certification programs.

The CPPO and CPPB programs are highly regarded and respected among procurement professionals and employers involved in the public sector.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

October 15, 2020 – 10:00 am until 12:00 pm - Call in

December 3, 2020 – 10:00 am until 12:00 pm - Call in

January 21, 2021 – 10:00 am until 12:00 pm - Call in

NC MWBE Coordinators' Network: Partners in Public Procurement



By Denisha Harris, President

As procurement professionals, it is our top priority to ensure our units of government receive quality goods and services at the best prices. Our roles as stewards of public dollars require a fair and equitable process that utilizes best procurement practices. Most if not all of you are aware of the competitive bid statutory requirement to include Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) in building construction projects. This requirement was established to ensure that all firms have an equal opportunity to participate in public procurement and codifies a best practice of inclusion of businesses historically and even into present day excluded from the bid process. As public agencies began to adopt this requirement, they recognized the need to have staff dedicated to the pursuit of shepherding these new firms through the sometimes daunting process of doing business with government. The role of the Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Coordinator was born and the unique task of serving as a bridge between private sector MWBE firms, majority firms, and the government agency became a reality. Coordinators were (and still are) often the “onlys” in an organization. Challenged with internal and external push back along and the responsibility to build programs from scratch, a “think tank” of Coordinators was born - the NC MWBE Coordinators' Network.

The NC MWBE Coordinators' Network also known as the Network became a strong alliance of professionals who brainstormed strategies to encourage participation of MWBE firms, leveraged relationships, and curated best practices to ensure programmatic success. The Network became a lifeline for many in the field who were breaking new ground in the work of economic inclusion. Over the past 30 plus years, the members of the Network have been committed to ensuring that all segments of the community have an equitable opportunity to participate in professional service contracts, procurement contracts, and construction projects in both public and private sectors. Through training and professional development, an annual conference, and industry specific updates and information, the Network has positioned itself as a leader in public supplier diversity. Today, the organization has increased its membership to nearly 100 participants from state agencies, universities, community colleges, municipalities, and private organizations throughout North Carolina.

Procurement and MWBE work hand and hand to ensure the equal opportunity of all businesses. The Network is a great place to enhance your knowledge in the implementation of MWBE programs. For those new to the field, our Emerging Leaders initiative will help you learn best practices and develop a network of professionals just like you. Need a place to ask pertinent questions? Join the Network's list serve hosted by the UNC School of Government. Just search for “Minority Business Equal Opportunity Practitioners” and join today. Interested in an intense professional development opportunity, sampling all things MWBE from the latest in legislation to contracting? Register for our Conference scheduled for November 19-20, 2020. New on the horizon is our Certified Economic Inclusion Officer (CEIO) Certification Program administered by the School of Government. Earn your credentials as a certified professional in MWBE management, coming this fall.

The MWBE Coordinators Network is a one-of-its kind resource that is here to serve and be a part of the public procurement landscape in North Carolina. We'd love to have you be a part of our Network! To learn more information, visit www.mwbecoordinators.org or contact our Membership Chair, Johnny Ortiz at membership@mwbecoordinators.org

Quarterly Meetings: All members receive entry into quarterly meetings at no additional cost as a benefit of annual membership. However, the annual Professional Development Conference is open to both members and non-members for a fee.



Save the Date 2021

CAGP's 65th Annual Conference & Vendor Exhibition

Raleigh, NC

Exam Date

March 7, 2021

Conference Dates

March 8-11, 2021

Conference

Raleigh Convention Center
500 S. Salisbury St.
165 steps across the street!

Hotel

Sheraton Raleigh Hotel
(919) 834-9900
421 S. Salisbury St.



Raleigh
Convention
Center



Sheraton Hotel



Hospitality Room

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Conference Theme

Unmask your
Procurement
Potential
with a
Masquerade Theme



CAGP has contracted with the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel
Discounted Hotel of Choice: \$149.00 per night.

Conference Center is 165 steps across the street.

Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, 421 South Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. 27601

Marriott.com/RDUSI sheratonraleigh.com ~ Virtual Tour - <http://bit.ly/2VapnI0>

Transportation

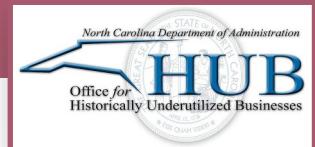
R-Line - Free downtown bus service

Mon-Wed (7 am-11 pm), Thurs-Sat (7 am-2:15 am), Sun (1 pm-8 pm)

<https://www.downtownraleigh.org/getting-around/r-line>



NC HUB EVENTS FOR YOUR VENDORS



NC HUB Certification Day

Event Description:

Join us for a HUB Certification Day to help minority and woman-owned businesses apply for a Statewide Uniform Certification. The City of Winston Salem's Office of Business Inclusion & Advancement MWBE Division is holding a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Certification Day to help minority and woman-owned businesses apply for a Statewide Uniform Certification (SWUC). HUB Certification with the N.C. HUB office provides businesses with greater exposure to business opportunities in state procurement and contracting. All HUB-certified businesses are listed in the Vendor Link system, which is widely used by state agencies, universities, community colleges, local schools, local governments and the public to locate historically underutilized businesses for goods, services and construction. HUB Certification is free and valid for 4 years.

When: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

External URL: [Register Here](#)

Contact: Jakira Westbrook, email: JAKIRAB@cityofws.org, 336.734.1238

Virtual NC HUB and NC DBE Certification Information Session - City of Raleigh

Event Description:

Are you a minority business owner? Are you looking to expand your opportunities for exposure? Do you want more opportunities to increase your cash flow? If you answered "YES" to these questions, this information session is for you! If your business is not certified, please join the City of Raleigh's MWBE Program, NC DOA/HUB Office, and the NC DOT/DBE Office to learn the requirements and process to apply for certification.

Benefits of Certification:

- Increased exposure to business and procurement opportunities
- Addition of your business to the online directory
- And, more...
- Receive bid notices from all government organizations
- Provides opportunities for business development

Multiple Dates scheduled: Registration is free and open to the public.

- July 23, 2020 @2:30 Virtual
- August 27, 2020 @2:30 Virtual
- September 24, 2020 @2:30 Virtual
- October 22, 2020 @2:30 at SWS (tentative)
- November 19, 2020 @2:30 at SWS (tentative)
- December 17, 2020 @2:30 at SWS (tentative)

Register: [Register here](#)

This is a recurring monthly event with multiple dates to select from. You may attend the event as many times as you would like.

HUB Certification Online Training

Event Description:

If you are a women, minority, or disabled business owner, come join us and learn how to position your company to do business with the State of North Carolina. State government is the largest purchaser of goods and services in the state. Many state contract opportunities contain participation goals for Historically Underutilized Businesses (minority and women-owned businesses). This certification training will feature: A review of the complete Statewide Uniform Certification HUB Certification application process.: In-depth hands-on assistance through the process of registering on the Electronic Vendor Portal(eVP) , Answers to the most common application questions, Receive guidance on how to grow and market your business for success in state government Plan NOW to leverage this resource to create a competitive advantage in your market.

Speaker: Melissa Terrell, HUB/Dept. of Admin. In partnership with Central Piedmont Community College.

When: Thursday, September 17, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Registration: [Register Here](#)

Contact: sbc@cpcc.edu or 704-330-6736

Pre-registration required. Online Web Ex registrants will be emailed the access information 24 hours before the training seminar. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance.

Get Involved

Become a Volunteer with CAGP!

Interested in volunteering your expertise and talents to CAGP?

We're always looking for individuals who want to work together to develop, support, and promote the public procurement profession within our state.

There are several ways to volunteer your time, expertise, and talents to the mission and success of CAGP. Some commitments extend for multiple years while others are brief, project-focused engagements. Some committees require travel to a meeting or event while other committees are project teams allow you to participate via teleconferencing.

Please see the attached information and let us know, we'd love to have you!

The 2019 volunteer application is available at www.CAGPonline.org

CAGP MEMBERS WHO HAVE EARNED OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

Travis Pierce, NIGP-CPP
Raleigh Durham Airport Authority



Crystal Bailey, CPPB
City of Charlotte

Candice S. Kirtz, CPPB
City of Rocky Mount

*Congratulations
on your certification*

Ms. Linda Bassett
Onslow County Schools



*If you become certified, please notify [President and Newsletter Chair](#).
We want to celebrate with you!*

IMPORTANT LINKS...

UNC / School of Government (SOG) - Local Government Purchasing & Contracting Program
<https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/local-government-purchasing-and-contracting>

UNC / School of Government (SOG) - Uniform Guidance
<https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/local-government-purchasing-and-contracting/federal-procurement-requirements>

Coates-Cannon Law Blog
<http://canons.sog.unc.edu/>

NC Finance Connect
<https://www.sog.unc.edu/about/news/nc-finance-connect-new-one-stop-resource-local-government-finance-north-carolina>

Purchasing Listserv
<https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/local-government-purchasing-and-contracting/listserv>

CAGP Website
<https://www.cagponline.org>

CAGP Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/910595738984927/>

CAGP Twitter
[@ncagp](#) or www.twitter.com/NCAGP

NIGP - The Institute for Public Procurement
<http://www.nigp.org/>

State Archives of NC - Retention Schedules
<https://archives.ncdcr.gov/government/retention-schedules/local-government-schedules#localschedules>

NC Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) Office
<https://ncadmin.nc.gov/businesses/hub>

NC MWBE Coordinator's Network
<http://mwbenetwork.org/>

NC Historically Underutilized Businesses - Small Business Enterprise Program
<https://ncadmin.nc.gov/businesses/historically-underutilized-businesses-hub/new-small-business-enterprise-program>

NC Pandemic Recovery Office (NC PRO)
<https://www.nc.gov/agencies/ncpro>

Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC)
<https://www.uppcc.org/Certification>

Minority Enterprise Development Week

Images contain links



DATES:

[National MED Week](#) - September 13-19, 2020

[City of Greenville, NC](#) - September 21-25, 2020

[Cape Fear Region, Wilmington, NC](#) - October 5-10, 2020

[City of Charlotte, Charlotte, NC](#) - October 12-15, 2020

UNCW UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

Institutional Diversity and Inclusion

Cape Fear Region
Minority Enterprise
Development (MED)
Week



Cape Fear Region Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week

presented by UNCW's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in partnership with UNCW's Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion



MED Week recognizes the achievements of local minority entrepreneurs, provides opportunities for networking, and presents workshops to help grow and strengthen businesses.

Events provide attendees the opportunity to:

- Connect with business vendors
- Meet leaders from the regional business community
- Learn about government contracting and business opportunities
- Grow your professional network
- Receive information and resources to develop your business

2020 Program Schedule

Past Cape Fear MED Week Events

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE) SPOTLIGHT

MBE Spotlight Awardees

Nominate a 2020 Business!!

DEADLINE TO NOMINATE: September 4, 2020

2020 Minority Enterprise Development Week

"Incubate to Accelerate" September 21-25

mwbe.GreenvilleNC.gov

#MEDWeek2020

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SAVE THE DATE

CHARLOTTE MED WEEK 2020

OCTOBER 12-15, 2020
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

EMBRACING CHANGE & TRANSFORMATION

Please join us as we celebrate the achievements of minority entrepreneurs and support our commitment to equal opportunity. Our event will be completely virtual this year. Planned activities include: Professional Development Workshops, Career Fair, Business Connection Expo, and the Awards and Recognition Celebration.





AWARDS AND RECOGNITION FOR CHAPTERS OF NIGP

NEW CHAPTER PERFORMANCE STANDARDS SEAL AND OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARDS

We believe in the importance of recognizing outstanding chapters who perform and engage with their communities at a high level. We commend your efforts and dedication to the profession. NIGP would like to encourage more chapters to showcase their professionalism and development opportunities.

That is why we are excited to announce a new two-layered approach to recognizing the accomplishments of our chapters:

NEW - CHAPTER PERFORMANCE STANDARDS SEAL

NIGP has developed a 'standard' in which chapters can strive to follow and advance the opportunities offered to their members. Participating chapters receive a score which records their progress in achieving excellence. Once a chapter successfully meets the standard, a digital seal is issued which the chapter can prominently display to their membership on their website and social media outlets. The four tiers provide motivation for Chapters to achieve an even higher tier in subsequent years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 CHAPTER PERFORMANCE STANDARD SEALS RECIPIENTS:



Platinum Performance Standard Seals

Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing

Central Florida Chapter

Columbia Chapter

Copper Chapter

Oregon Public Purchasing Association

Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association

Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing