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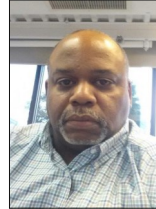
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Procurement Newsletter for The First State

NIGP Chapter #77

## “ A Word From The President”

Clifton Crawford, New Castle County Government



I would like to thank the members that were able to attend our first quarter zoom member's meeting. I also would like to give a special thanks to our Chapter Meeting Sponsor Steve Havelka - CEO, of Equity Hub which is a secure lock box and a cloud based E-Procurement workstation and Lorie Newton, Area II Chapter Ambassador, for her presentation on NIGP benefits.

DPPA is moving forward with an in-person Area II Conference in the fall. Vendors and Delegates can go to our website DPPA1.ORG for more information and to register.

Vendors will be able to showcase their products and meet with public procurement professionals from Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington D.C. and Virginia. Delegates will have educational and networking opportunities with other professionals and vendors. After the sessions we have planned some fun activities and of course you will not want to miss our social event.

*Members: If you have not joined a committee, please contact me. We need your help in making the Delaware conference another success!!*

*Cliff*



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## “Bid Locker By Equity Hub Sponsored First Chapter Meeting in 2021!”

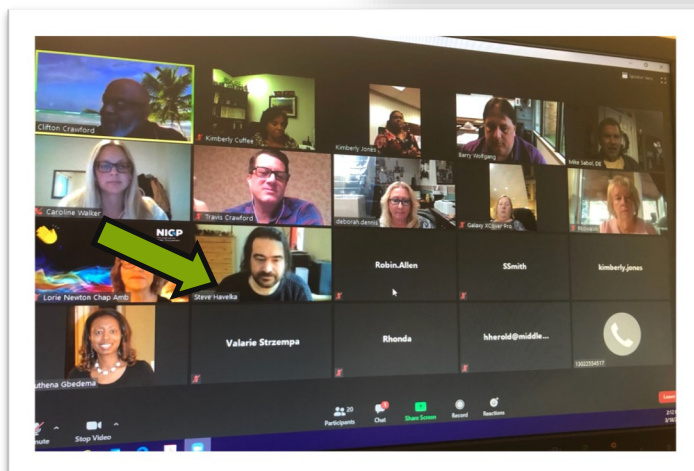
We appreciate when vendors reach out to the Chapter for sponsorship but we really felt fortunate when we have vendors like Bid Locker contact us for a second time. Once again, we were pleased to have **Steve Havalka** from **Bid Locker by Equity Hub** join us via Zoom.



Bid Locker is a secure on line bid submission service used by agencies throughout the United States . Nearly every government agency already posts their solicitations online, many don't have a way to accept bid submissions electronically as well. Bid Locker gives agencies a simple straightforward tool to let these vendors submit bids on line. Bid Locker is a service run by Equity Hub, a Philadelphia—based company. They built tools and software with an equality focus, for local government and non profit buyers, to help connect them with a more diverse supplier pool. In other words, they have leveled the playing field for diverse business.

Once again, we would like to thank Steve for his sponsorship of our 2021-1QTR meeting. More information can be found on the Chapter website on how Bid Locker can assist you and your agency in electronic bid submissions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Steve at 267-225-1407](tel:267-225-1407) or email him at [steve@equityhub.us](mailto:steve@equityhub.us)

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Chapter Zoom Meeting held Thursday, March 18, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

# Chapter News & Updates

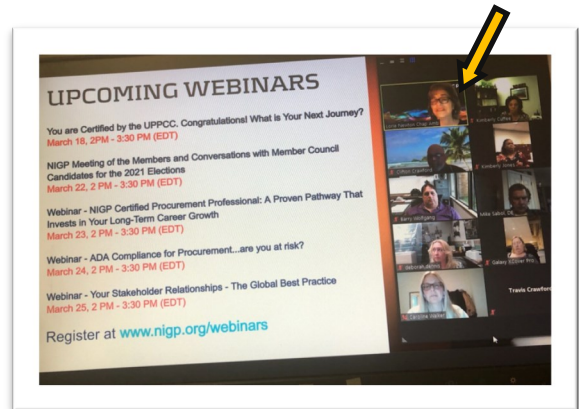
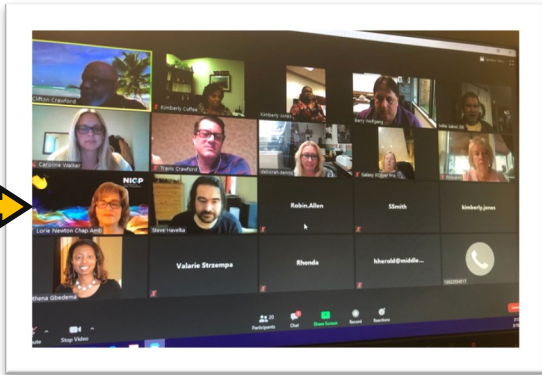


## 1 QTR. Chapter Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2021 @ 2:00PM

During our Chapter Zoom Meeting we were joined by **Lorie Newton, CPPO, CPPB** from Chesapeake, VA as one of the newest Area II Chapter Ambassadors. Lorie provided a presentation which reminded us of all the educational opportunities and the various webinars offered by NIGP. She also went through all the different award badges offered to Chapters' as well as certifications.

A special thanks to Lorie for taking the time out of her busy schedule to "Zoom" with us. We all look forward to working and networking with her in the future.



## 2021 NIGP Area II Conference

*"To Go Where Procurement Has Never Gone Before.."*

Wednesday, September 29 to Friday, October 1, 2021

DoubleTree by Hilton in Wilmington, Delaware

**Conference Planning has begun & Committees are forming!**

**Make sure to contact Clifton Crawford or Barry Wolfgang and sign up!**





# In Honor of Procurement Month



In honor of **March -Procurement Month**, the chapter received proclamations from Governor John Carney and City of Dover Mayor, Robin Christiansen. The proclamations recognized the value and resources the members of the Delaware Public Purchasing Association provide to the state's procurement community.

Below are the proclamations presented to the Chapter.



*When we celebrate Procurement Month, we acknowledge an elite group of professionals that have made a difference in governmental efficiency and effectiveness. This month, March, provides the opportunity to help educate elected officials, administrators, taxpayers and vendors about the procurement process and the admirable work you perform every day.”* - NIGP

# And Finally...



## ***“To Take The Shot or Not Take the Shot... That Is The Question.”***

Many have been struggling over this question and basically the choice is yours!. It is okay if you still have questions, because most of us do! You might be curious about the differences of the three vaccines ,whether it's safe, or you could be wondering how you'll feel after the shot. Here are some of the basis differences:

### **Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine**

- Two doses, 21 days apart
- mRNA vaccine
- 95% effective at preventing COVID-19
- More than 89% effective at preventing people with health conditions, such as diabetes or obesity, from developing COVID-19
- 100% effective at reducing risk of hospitalization and death
- Contains no eggs, latex, or preservatives

### **Moderna vaccine**

- Two doses, 28 days apart
- mRNA vaccine
- 94.5% effective at preventing COVID-19
- 100% effective at reducing risk of hospitalization and death
- More than 90% effective at preventing people with health conditions, such as diabetes or obesity, from developing COVID-19
- Contains no eggs, latex, or preservatives

### **Johnson & Johnson vaccine**

- One dose
- Viral vector vaccine, but not live virus
- 66% effective at preventing COVID-19
- 85% effective at preventing severe COVID-19
- 100% effective at reducing risk of hospitalization and death
- Contains no eggs, latex, or preservatives



***Whatever you decide, please take care of yourself and be safe!***

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