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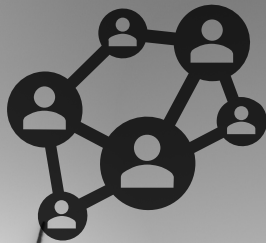


Copper Pipeline

2020 Platinum Chapter Status
and Outstanding Chapter in Advocacy and Outreach

2021 MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Jenn Myers, NIGP-CPP, CPPB



2021 BUYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Norma Camacho, CPPB



JOB POSTINGS

- Buyer 3 – Arizona Department of Economic Security
- Procurement Officer – Pima County
- Sr. Procurement Analyst – Pima Community College
- P-Card Analyst – Pima Community College
- Procurement Supervisor – Sunnyside
- Contracts Administrator – Valley Metro

Upcoming Classes:

- Core Certificate: Foundations of Strategy and Policy VIRTUAL CLASS: May 24 – 25
- Core Certificate: Foundations of Planning and Analysis VIRTUAL CLASS: June 21 – 22
- Specialization Certificate: Technology Procurement VIRTUAL CLASS: July 12 – 14
- Core Certificate: Foundations of Sourcing and Contracting VIRTUAL CLASS: August 02 – 04
- Specialization Certificate: Construction Procurement VIRTUAL CLASS: August 09 – 11

APRIL



Copper Chapter Meetings
held Virtually at 11:00AM!

Professional Development:

Bill Munch

Jason Steinmann

NIGP Copper Chapter Ambassadors

NIGP National Updates and Review of
Certification



Contributors:

Teresa Chapman
Diana Kerfoot
Jacquie Posey
Casey Adams



2021 NOMINATIONS FOR BUYER AND MANAGER OF THE YEAR

2021 Nominations Committee

Victoria Cortinas, Lauren Furphy, and Susan Rose

The Nominations Committee would like to thank all our members who nominated candidates for this year's Buyer and Manager of the Year awards and for the candidates who dedicated lots of time to put their application together and submit it in a very short time period.

We are very lucky because our chapter has amazing members who are dedicated to their agency, our chapter, to NIGP and our profession. We are truly lucky to have such a great team here in Southern Arizona.

This year we had great competition for the awards and it was a difficult decision for the Nomination Committee in evaluating and trying to score each candidate against the categories.



2021 Manager of the Year



Jenn Myers, NIGP-CPP, CPPB

City of Tucson Procurement

This candidate has also been involved in the Copper Chapter of NIGP for many years and has served on many committees and held board positions.

This Manager of the Year candidate demonstrates how they promote the profession and NIGP by being an excellent role model. This person walks the talk by being active at the NIGP local and institute level and encouraging their colleagues and staff to actively participate. She wants to see new members get involved to bring new perspectives and energy to the chapter. This person also actively seeks educational opportunities themselves and their staff to ensure all stay current and up to date on procurement practices.

This candidate demonstrates how they are a supporter for NIGP by their active participation on NIGP committees and volunteering for speaking engagements promoting NIGP and the profession. This candidate is innovative and during the COVID quarantine has pushed their agency to embrace technology to ensure the public procurement requirements are still met. They were involved in the review and selection of an online bidding systems, conducted training and created training materials for staff and the vending community. This candidate has mentored staff for success by encouraging career advancement and certifications.

This candidate is very passionate about public procurement and really stepped up during the COVID pandemic by working with the medical community to ensure COVID testing for their agency and our community. They support our local chapter by actively participating in the fund raisers which increase our scholarship funds!

This candidate demonstrates their support to the creation and maintenance of ethical and moral standards by conducting training to colleagues on procurement related topics to ensure best practices are always applied. They also actively participate in the NSite community by replying to posts and assisting the procurement community.

This candidate is dually certified with the CPPB and one of the newly certificate applicants of the NIGP-CPP certification.

The Copper Chapter of NIGP's 2021 Manager of the Year is Jenn Myers, Procurement Manager with the City of Tucson!

Congratulations Jenn!



2021 Buyer of the Year



Norma Camacho, CPPB

City of Tucson Procurement

This candidate has been involved in the Copper Chapter of NIGP since they started with their agency. From the beginning they wanted to know everything about this exciting profession.

This Buyer of the Year candidate demonstrates how they promote the profession and NIGP by learning the ideals of public procurement and putting them into practice in their daily work and interactions with customers and coworkers. They actively attend and participate in chapter meetings and events. They are always available to provide training and guidance to their fellow procurement colleagues.

This candidate demonstrates how they are a supporter for NIGP by their active participation in our chapter's committees. They have also successfully been elected to a board position, represented our chapter at the NIGP Chapter Academy and is a graduate of the NIGP Leader's Edge program.

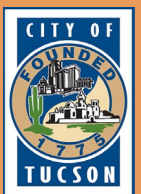
This candidate is very passionate about public procurement and sets procurement related goals and achieves them. This person is active in conducting training for their departments and coworkers on the importance of public procurement. The participating in our copper chapter meetings is important to network and stay current on procurement related topics. During the COVID Pandemic, this person was very creative in developing a program to support our community's response to our delicate and at risk citizens.

This candidate demonstrates their support to the creation and maintenance of ethical and moral standards by conducting training to their very challenging department on the importance of procurement procedures. This person fully understand that public procurement works in a fishbowl and lives by the standard of "Would I be proud of the newspaper article written based upon my words and actions?"

This candidate is dually certified with the CPPB and one of the newly certificate applicants of the NIGP-CPP certification.

The Copper Chapter of NIGP's 2021 Buyer of the Year is Norma Camacho, Senior Contract Officer with the City of Tucson!

Congratulations Norma!



March was Procurement Month!

March was Purchasing Month! Many agencies made annual proclamations to have March recognized as Purchasing month by their governing boards or lead executive. In mid-March, the 2nd Wednesday to be exact, it was declared as Professional Buyer's Day, 2021 marks the 7th annual celebration of Professional Buyers. Some agencies have also included in their proclamations to officially declare the 2nd Wednesday of March as Professional Buyer's Day. NIGP chapters across the nation are beginning to recognize and highlight March as Purchasing month while also showcasing the professionals who work hard to serve their communities by upholding the values and guiding principles of our profession.

How did your agency celebrate Purchasing Month and/or Professional Buyer's Day?

City of Tucson - Nathan Daou talked about how they did a team meeting and went over a powerpoint recapping everyone's accomplishments for the past year.

TUSD - Diana Kerfoot bought Bison Witches lunch for her team on Professional Buyer's Day and took the Proclamation to the Governing Board on March 9th.

Amphi - Kevin Startt said they recognized the requisitioners by sending them some candy bars with a slogan "Just take a break!" From Purchasing for Purchasing Month.

Pima Community College - Terry Robinson recognized his staff by sending out an email and sent everyone a virtual gift card to have a virtual pizza party.

Pima County - Terri Spencer, they did a Proclamation and the Board presented it virtually. On the 30th they will have lunch brought in from Jimmy John's and have a socially distanced lunch.

Town of Sahuarita - Cherie Odeski took the Proclamation to her board on the 22nd and was recognized.

City of Sierra Vista - had Procure-mints!

Bill Munch celebrated with every procurement professional in the state!

TEP - Department Manager thanked the staff.

MUSD - Mark Kinsey sent out a nice email to the staff.



PURCHASING MONTH DECLARATIONS

Copper Chapter of NIGP:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, Procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals that are members of the Copper Chapter of NIGP and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Copper Chapter of NIGP through its members is committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all agencies associated with the Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the Copper Chapter of NIGP recognizes, supports and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

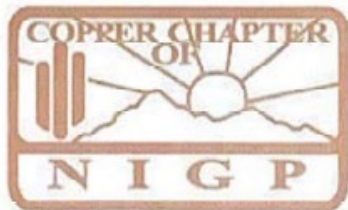
WHEREAS, NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Governing Board of the Copper Chapter of NIGP do hereby proclaim March 10, 2021 as

PROFESSIONAL BUYER'S DAY

and urge all members to join the Copper Chapter of NIGP in recognizing the role of the purchasing and materials management profession within business, industry and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Copper Chapter of NIGP to be affixed this 2nd day of March, 2021.



Jenn Myers, NIGP-CPP, CPPB
President

Casey Adams
Vice President of Education

Tracy Garcia
Vice President of Membership

Teresa Chapman, CPPB
Secretary

Judy Cooper
Treasurer

TOWN OF SAHUARITA
PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals in the Town of Sahuarita and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Department in the Town of Sahuarita is committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all departments within the Town of Sahuarita; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Department and the Town of Sahuarita recognize, support and practice the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by the Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

WHEREAS, NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders; and

WHEREAS, I urge all citizens to recognize the role of the purchasing and materials management profession within business, industry and government.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Murphy, Mayor of the Town of Sahuarita, on behalf of the Town Council, do hereby proclaim:

***March 10, 2021 as Professional Buyer's Day and
March 2021 as Procurement Month***

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Town of Sahuarita on this 22nd day of March, 2021.



Tom Murphy, Mayor

Attest

Lisa Cole, Town Clerk

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, Procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals that are employees of the Tucson Unified School District and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department in the Tucson Unified School District is committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all departments within the Tucson Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department, as a division of the Financial Area, is committed to increasing efficiencies and cost savings within the District, the Financial Area promotes a pCard Program, which significantly decreases payment processing costs, allows for timely payments to vendors, and rebates received through the pCard program are used to support various District initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department of the Tucson Unified School District recognizes, supports and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

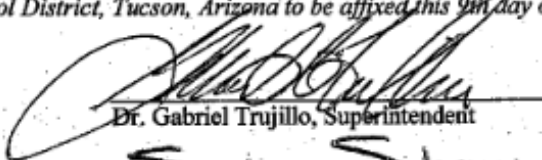
WHEREAS, NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District do hereby proclaim March as

PROCUREMENT MONTH

And March 10th as **Professional Buyer's Day**. We urge all District staff to join the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District in recognizing the role of the purchasing and materials management profession within business, industry and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District, Tucson, Arizona to be affixed this 9th day of March 2021.



Dr. Gabriel Trujillo, Superintendent



Ms. Sadie Shaw, Board Clerk



Ms. Adelita S. Grijalva, Board Member



Ms. Lelia Counts, Board President



Mr. Ravi Grivolis-Shah, Board Member



Ms. Natalie Luna Rose, Board Member

PROCLAMATION



CITY OF TUCSON ♦ OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, procurement professionals add value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals in the City of Tucson and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the public procurement professionals in the City of Tucson are committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all departments within the City of Tucson; and

WHEREAS, the public procurement professionals in the City of Tucson recognize, support and practice the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service, and Transparency, established by NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

WHEREAS, NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the procurement professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Regina Romero, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 to be

PROCUREMENT MONTH

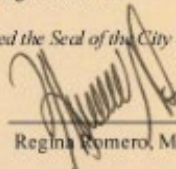
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PROFESSIONAL BUYER'S DAY

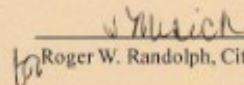
in the City of Tucson and urge all citizens to join the City of Tucson in recognizing the role of the purchasing and materials management profession within business, industry and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tucson, Arizona to be affixed this 10th day of March, 2021.




Regina Romero, Mayor

ATTEST:


for Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk

Copper Chapter Virtual Conference 2021

Hello Copper Chapter Members!

Our 2021 Virtual Winter Conference was held January 25-29, 2021. Integration Partners was our conference sponsor, with individual daily sessions sponsored by RWC Group, Kustom, Civic Initiatives, ProcureNow, Horizon and Involta. Our sessions included topics on "How to Submit Electronic Proposals", "Tips and Tricks to Maximize Value in Virtual Meetings", and "Ask the Procurement Officer; Speed Dating". We held upcoming contracting sessions with various agencies and their contract agents, sharing what contracts their agencies would be issuing over the next 6-12 months. We experienced great participation from our members and their agencies and enjoyed terrific interactions with our vendor community.

The Chapter earned \$2,911.83, and we didn't spend anything to hold this event! Thanks to all who participated, our members, agencies, and vendors, and an extra special shoutout to our Virtual Trade Show Committee for their hard work that made our Chapter's first ever virtual event a great success!



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2021 Virtual Winter Conference

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A circular graphic with a colorful, abstract, wavy pattern in shades of red, orange, and purple. The text "Celebrating resilience and ingenuity in public procurement" is written in white inside the circle.

**Celebrating resilience
and ingenuity in public
procurement**

An aerial view of the Anaheim Convention Center, a large modern building with a glass facade and a central tower, surrounded by palm trees and a parking lot.

NIGP News

NIGP Forum 2021

This year NIGP will offer their annual forum virtually August 23-26. The Forum virtual event is a mix of live and pre-recorded sessions for you to hear inspiring speakers, attend thought provoking educational sessions, engage in agency and topic-based networking, connect with suppliers, and of course to have some fun and celebrate.

Register early by May 31 and get the discounted rate. Go to nigp.org for more information.

NIGP Forum Leadership Summit

September 11-14 Anaheim, CA

Our new Leadership Summit is like no other event hosted by NIGP, and another innovative offering that elevates our great profession. This inaugural meeting of the minds is designed to bring together procurement's most ardent advocates and innovative thought leaders for three days of transformative thinking and high impact collaboration. It's equal parts inspiration and perspiration with attendees expected to fully engage in productive dialogue and roll-up-your-sleeves working sessions.

2021 Copper Chapter Board

The 2020 Copper Chapter Board Elections held in October 2020 brought about big change for 2021. Diana Kerfoot, Matthew Sage and Terry Robinson all ended their terms this past year and cannot be thanked enough for the hard work they put into our Chapter Board. We now welcome a few new faces to our new Chapter Board with Judy Cooper is our new Treasurer, Casey Adams as the Vice President of Education and Teresa Chapman as the Secretary. We also appreciate Lloyd Windle for stepping when we started the year with a vacancy. As Past President he stepped in when needed!

The Copper Chapter Board is as follows:

President-Jenn Myers

Vice President of Membership-Tracy Garcia

Vice President of Education-Casey Adams

Treasurer-Judy Cooper

Secretary-Teresa Chapman



Zoom Meeting

