NIGP BOARD SETS NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR 2016 AND BEYOND

November 19, 2014

The NIGP Board of Directors wrapped up its Board Strategy Setting Session and its Fall Study Session and Official Meeting on November 6-7, 2014 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The Board met with the Institute’s strategic partners and local academicians to identify trends affecting the profession and to outline a strategic vision for the next decades; centering on advocacy, education, and relevancy. These key themes have set into motion the efforts of the NIGP Talent Council to recruit three external thought leaders with the expertise, perspective, and credibility that can guide the new NIGP Governing Board in the formation of new strategies, goals and objectives based on the key themes.

(1) **Advocacy** – Advocate for the comprehensive value and role of public procurement utilizing multiple channels through:

- Public Policy influences.
- Positioning Procurement as a strategic business function.
- Continuing to foster and enhance existing horizontal relationships with other public procurement associations, including those aligned with the NCPPC, while initiating and developing formal, vertical relationships with associations that influence public policy and the strategic role of public procurement.

(2) **Education** – Create a life-long learning environment through:

- College courses and degrees in public procurement.
- Unified curriculum (body of knowledge).
- Continuum of Life-long learning.

(3) **Relevancy** – Develop, support and promote a relevant profession that ensures viability, growth and leadership in public procurement through:

- C-level engagement & equity.
- Media Inquiries.

The three thought leaders will be appointed by the current NIGP Board and serve alongside public procurement leaders as fellow voting members of the Governing Board when it is constituted in July 2015.

In addition to their work on the strategic direction, the Board:

- Received the FY14 audit results from the independent auditor which pronounced a clean audit with a change in net assets of $286,750.
- Determined to place the net income of $286,750 into the Institute’s Technology Reserve Fund in support of a new Learning Management System that enhances the delivery of NIGP’s online educational offerings.

- Agreed to provide funding effective FY16 (July 2015) to support board and council in-person meeting expenses related to the NIGP 2.0 Governance Structure (specific levels of support will be determined through the FY16 budget which is scheduled for adoption in April 2015).

- Received an update on the current strategic initiatives as well as the final development phase of the NIGP Cooperative Accreditation Program which is set to launch Winter 2015.

- Received an update on locating new office space for NIGP. The Board authorized the sale of the current building in Herndon in October 2014; and the current space is being leased-back from the new owner until such time as new NIGP space can be secured under an 8-10 year lease agreement. The NIGP team is anticipating moving into the new offices in September 2015.