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## 2021 NIGP Forum

### Leadership Summit Themes

#### Supplier Collaboration & Innovation

Your workday as a procurement professional no doubt involves integrating quick responses to product and service needs for your clients with identifying approaches for inclusion of small and diverse business in highly competitive supplier marketplaces. This theme provides innovative strategies that will lead to client satisfaction and value achieved for your organization from an engaged supplier community.

*Learning Outcomes:*

- *How to prioritize and focus on supplier collaboration*
- *Identify the barriers and myths related to supplier collaboration strategies*
- *Build a business case for an innovative approach to supplier collaboration*
- *Create an individual Action Plan for taking an innovative idea for supplier collaboration to the next level*

#### Diversity & Inclusion

More than ever, entities, teams, and businesses of all sizes seek solutions for achieving diverse and inclusive organizations. Why? Aside from the obvious moral reasons, it is becoming strikingly clear that there is a direct link between having a diverse and inclusive environment and having a thriving organization.

Whether you are seeking to implement a D&I program within your organization or your supplier base, immerse yourself in the conversation. We will discuss some the challenges and unconscious biases that stand in the way of a successful program.

This theme explores new perspectives, while increasing awareness of potential biases, and strategies to achieve a diverse and inclusive culture within your organization and your supplier base. Bring your thoughts and ideas, leave with a mastermind group of like-minded individuals to help you achieve your Diversity & Inclusion goals.

*Learning Outcomes:*

- *Understand the relevance of Diversity & Inclusion*
- *Build awareness of unconscious biases*
- *Participate in ongoing discussions on challenges, strategies, and successes*
- *Create an individual Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan*



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## Sustainability

This theme explores the social, economic, and environmental components of sustainability, and how sustainability can co-exist with and enhance the operational, financial, and compliance needs of the procurement process. You will gain an understanding of sustainability definitions and components, identify objections from stakeholders and learn and practice diffusing those barriers, including action planning specific to your work environment.

### *Learning Outcomes:*

- *Define sustainability broadly*
- *Identify the barriers to sustainable procurements*
- *Build a business case for sustainable procurement*
- *Create an individual Action Plan*

## Workforce Development

The talent challenges facing organizations in both the private and public sector are myriad. For some, an aging workforce coupled with talent gaps in the local market create significant risk. Others have seen their fundamental mission and strategy change seemingly overnight and need to adapt to new stakeholder demands. In fact, while every organization has different talent needs, the one thing most have in common is that their talent strategies are required to adapt much faster today than they have ever needed to before.

This theme explores Strategic Workforce Planning as an approach to managing this chaos. You will explore a systematic approach designed to allow organizations to see around corners and anticipate future talent needs while there is still time to plan appropriately.

### *Learning Outcomes:*

- *Assess your organization's readiness*
- *Align your strategy*
- *Scan your environment*
- *Create an individual Workforce Development Action Plan*



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## Strategic Integration of Finance and Procurement

Procurement is important in the overall financial management of an organization and public procurement leaders have an opportunity to work collaboratively with peers from across the organization to promote both financially resilient and sustainable organizations and help build thriving communities.

This theme explores the relationship between procurement and other areas of finance including budgeting, capital planning, forecasting, cash flow analysis, economic development, debt management, and more. In addition, public procurement leaders will better understand emerging trends, issues, developments in public finance and learn how to apply tools and strategies to meet customer needs, solve problems, and identify innovative approaches that provide improved outcomes for the public.

### *Learning Outcomes:*

- *Understand the strategic role that public procurement leaders can play in improving financial management outcomes*
- *Identify opportunities for better collaboration between finance and procurement*
- *Create an individual Action Plan*