

Resolution 1009

INTERNATIONAL FREE TRADE

Whereas, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, Inc. continues to support the competitive bidding process as the most effective vehicle for acquiring products and services for the public sector; and

Whereas, preferences, national and in-state, are unreasonable restraints of trade, which invite retaliation from other nations and states; and

Whereas, the Institute is opposed to all restraints of trade, whether by law or practice, and views them as impediments to cost effective procurement of goods, services and construction in a free trade system.

Now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, Inc.:

- Calls for elimination of discriminatory trading practices and preferences at all levels of government; federal, state, provincial, regional and local governments in exchange for reciprocal, effective and non-discriminatory access to the government procurement markets of other countries and states; and
- Calls for the inclusion of a requirement for open and non-discriminatory procurement practices, by all levels of government in international trade agreements.

The above resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing at its official meeting on the 4th day of August, 1992.

I certify that the above resolution was reviewed and ratified by the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing at its official meeting on the 11th day of November, 1995.

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Executive Vice President and Secretary

