



DELAWARE CONNECTIONS

DELAWARE PUBLIC PURCHASING ASSOCIATION, INC.



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Procurement Newsletter for The First State

NIGP Chapter #77



President's Message



Chapter Members,

First, I would like to thank all the members who were able to attend our third quarter meeting held at the Dover Library and to thank the City of Dover for allowing us to use the location. During the last two meetings, **Rhonda Figueroa** (OMB-GSS) and **Ruthena Milbourne** (DHSS) were the winners to attend this years Area 2 Conference—FREE. Due to the distance, many members could not travel that far but we are so glad to have Rhonda, Ruthena and **Barry Wolfgang** (City of Dover) represent Delaware this year.

Since many of us don't get the chance to attend the NIGP Forums, in this edition of the **DELAWARE CONNECTIONS** there are some highlights of the many events which took place at this years Forum in Boston. In addition, there are some photos from the Area 2 Conference hosted by Pennsylvania Public Purchasing Association(PAPPAA) in Pittsburgh.

Last but not least, make sure to mark your calendars! This years Holiday Luncheon & Chapter meeting will be held on December 2nd at Frazier's on the Water and we will be supporting the **Food Bank of Delaware**. More information can be found on page 7.

Well, that's all for now. Take care and hope to see everyone in December,

Kim

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What is the NIGP-CPP Certification??



NIGP's Certified Procurement Professional designation (NIGP-CPP) targets current and aspiring leaders in the public procurement profession. This program integrated within NIGP's Pathways program, the certification program complements NIGP's research program and the constantly expanding learning modules; providing assurances that the NIGP-CPP remains relevant to the competencies you need to be a successful leader in your career – today and into the future.

For more information, please visit the NIGP website at www.nigp.org

FALL BACK

Sunday, November 6
2 a.m.





The Environmental, Social and Economic Benefits of Public Procurement

The field of public procurement is often misunderstood. In the past, it was considered a back-office function. However, over the years, the profession has transformed and today the procurement professional is a strategic partner and steward of maximizing the value of public spend. They are important agents in the public sector who strategically source suppliers and materials for activities that benefit the public's health and safety in a variety of ways.

Without public procurement, roads wouldn't get built and hospitals wouldn't have the medical equipment they need to care for patients. Schools wouldn't have textbooks and sanitation services couldn't be improved. There's a seemingly endless list of all the ways public procurement impacts the public to improve people's lives and ensure their health and safety. Public procurement is responsible for ethically sourcing contracts

Environmental Benefits

Finding sustainable ways to solve problems is an essential part of public procurement. Building roads and infrastructure using eco-friendly and sustainable materials and suppliers benefits the environment now and in the future. By focusing on sustainable initiatives, public procurement can contribute to solving global environmental challenges, including the following:

Reducing water usage	Reducing waste and increasing recycling
Increasing energy efficiency	Lowering greenhouse gas emissions
Increasing sustainable agriculture	Reducing air, water, and soil pollution

Social Benefits

Through careful and strategic sourcing, public procurement professionals and agencies can have a lasting impact on social sustainability locally and nationally. Some of the ways procurement can have a meaningful social impact include the following:

- Increasing transparency and accountability for those in public office
- Bridging inequality gaps by sourcing using ethical, non-discriminatory practices
- Improving the labor market by setting requirements on working conditions for suppliers
- A focus on sustainable procurement can lead to a quality of life increase for the public

Economic Benefits

Procurement strategically and carefully distributes public funds to provide services and infrastructure that benefit the public. Here are some of the ways public procurement benefits the local and national economy:

- Increased competition can lead to lower market prices
- Helps develop sustainable business models through a circular economy
- Procuring energy-efficient goods can save money in the long run and simplify end of life recycling



Procurement Facts

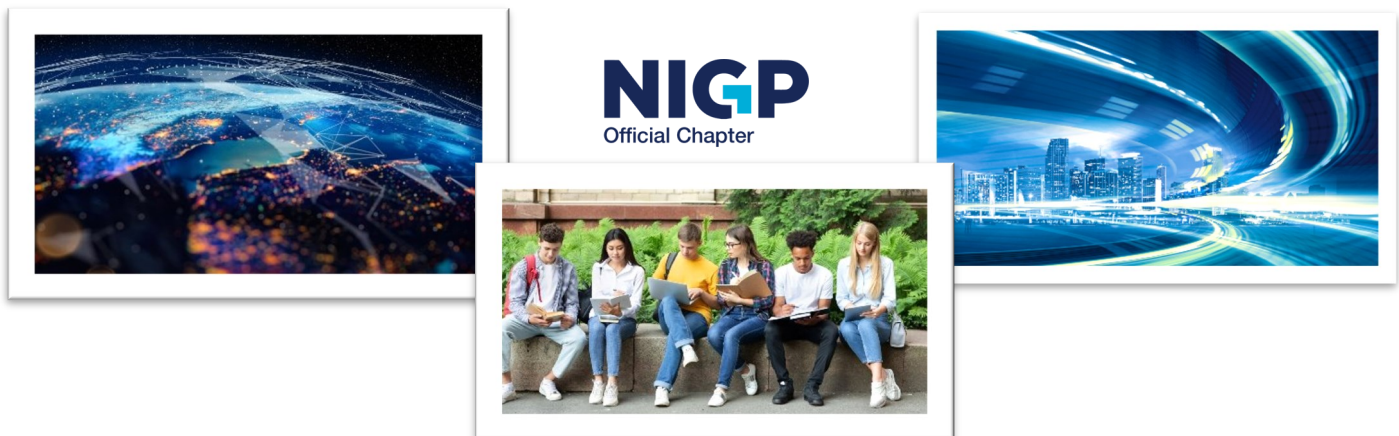
There are over 90,000 local governments in the United States, made up of 16,360 townships, 19,519 cities, 3,031 counties, 12,800 school districts, and 38,266 special districts. (GovTech)

At least 45 states, plus the District of Columbia, have procurement policies designed to give preference to businesses meeting certain characteristics, such as being veteran-owned, using environmentally sustainable practices, or manufacturing within the state. (Institute for Local Self Reliance)

Overall, public procurement spend represents around 13 – 20% of GDP. (World Bank)

Nearly three-fourths of states have a central procurement office with statutory purchasing authority across all areas of procurement within the state. (NASPO)

This information, as well as many other informative topics can be found by going to the NIGP website (www.nigp.org) under the “Our Profession” Tab



We want to hear from you!



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Have any Suggestions ???

Educational Topics

Community Service Projects

Meeting locations

Certification

Special Events

“When You Talk....We Listen” because this is YOUR Chapter!”



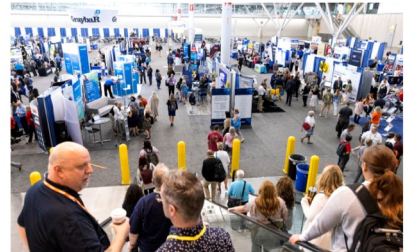
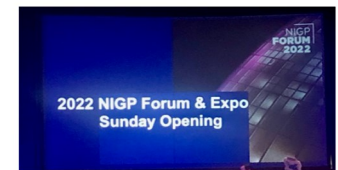
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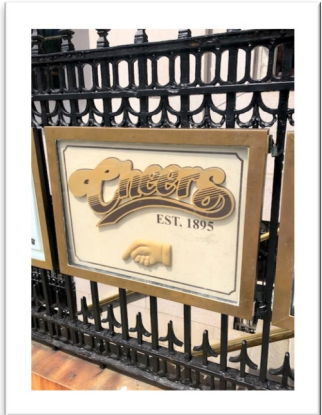
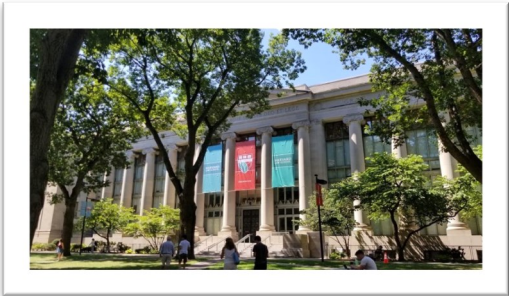
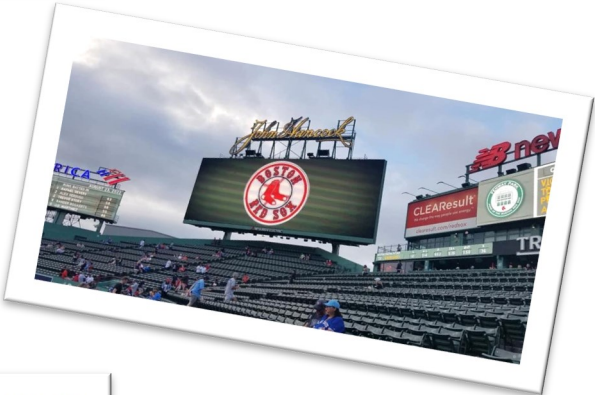
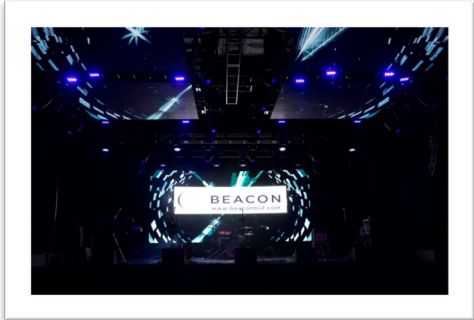
2022 NIGP Forum Highlights

Boston, Massachusetts

Boston Convention & Exhibition Center ~ August 20 to August 24, 2022



2022 NIGP Forum Highlights.. continued



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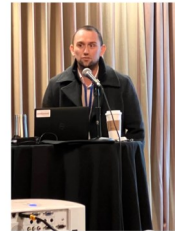
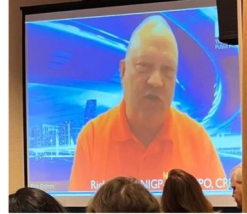
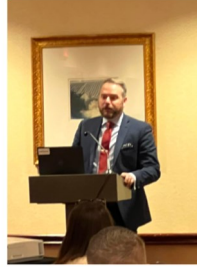


2022 Area 2 Conference Highlights

Wyndham Grand in Pittsburgh, PA ~ October 19 to October 21, 2022

Although it was a distance, Delaware was honored to have three members attend this years Area 2 Conference. Those who attended said the educational sessions were informative, the vendor expo was great and the social was awesome.

Thank you PAPPA, for another great and successful Area 2 Conference and we look forward to seeing everyone next year in DC !



*Some moments are simply
unforgettable*



Upcoming EVENTS



2022 Chapter Holiday Luncheon



Friday December 2, 2022 ~ 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Frazier's on the Water ~ 9 East Loockerman Street, Dover DE 19904
Meeting and lunch will be in the The Delaware Room

For every 4 cans or boxed non-perishable food item you bring for to the Food Bank of Delaware you will received (1) ticket for a SPECIAL DOOR PRIZE. Lunch is **FREE** for all paid members. We hope to see everyone come out for food, fun and of course, supporting our local community!

* Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift (\$5 - \$7) for the **Wacky Gift Exchange** *

2023 Leadership Summit

Three Programs... One Place !

Leading for Impact ~ Chapter Academy ~ Leaders Edge



St. Louis Union Station Hotel

Friday, February 3 to Sunday, February 5, 2023

For more information, go to www.nigp.org

The next Area 2 Conference in 2023 will be hosted by



And Finally.....

PrepareDE.org

Be Ready for Any Disaster : Disasters often happen without advanced notice. For more information and helpful tips, please visit www.PrepareDE.org

GET PREPARED NOW

When unexpected emergencies strike, know what to do, what you need and how to stay updated!

REMEMBER: Revisit your plan and update your kit every year!



CUSTOMIZE YOUR KIT!

ADD WARMTH AND LIGHT TO BEAT THE COLD AND DARK.

Add these items to your kit and prepare for those cold fall and winter months ahead. Take this time to restock on the essentials in your kit, like water, food items and batteries.

- ☐ Hand and foot warmers
- ☐ Waterproof matches and/or fire starter in a waterproof container
- ☐ Small propane heater
- ☐ Extra layers of clothing
 - Long-sleeve shirts
 - Sweatshirts
 - Extra coat or jacket
 - Wool socks
 - Gloves and knit hats
- ☐ Extra waterproof blankets

PRO TIP

Add a solar or battery-powered lantern to your kit to keep up the light on those dark winter days.

2022 -2024

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- ◆ Tools to support your day to day activities.
- ◆ Online document library containing thousands of RFP's
- ◆ Members discounts on all educational programs and classes
- ◆ Various procurement resources
- ◆ 18 free webinars on relevant, real world trending procurement topics
- ◆ Study tools to help you prepare for your certification or recertification's
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