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**246 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LEADERS EARNED THEIR**

**NIGP CERTIFIED PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION IN 2023**

**INCLUDING 75 LEADERS WHO EARNED THEIR NIGP-CPP IN NOVEMBER 2023**

***Largest Class Since August 2021***

January 8, 2024

As we welcome a New Year in 2024, we also celebrate the ***246 leaders*** who earned their NIGP Certified Procurement Professional designation (NIGP-CPP) in 2023. This leadership-focused professional certification continues to gain respectability across North America as the professional procurement certification of choice – with 44% growth in approved applications and 18% growth in new certificants in the past six months. Today, there are NIGP-CPP leaders throughout 46 states and 5 Canadian provinces including 75 leaders from the November 2023 Class whom we have the privilege to honor here:

**Alberta**

* Hafsa Qureshi – Airdrie
* Clint Sampson – Calgary
* Melanie Tyson - Leduc

**Alaska**

* Cory Beal - Fairbanks
* Carson Davis – Wasilla

**Arkansas**

* Stephanie Celler - Little Rock
* Barry Goldman - Little Rock

**Arizona**

* Tara Acton - Kingman
* Casey Adams - Tucson
* Adetoun Ayo-Adeola - Phoenix
* Claudia Leon – Phoenix
* Gloria Lopez Toscano – Tempe
* Toysha Martin - Phoenix
* Abigail Medina Silas - Phoenix
* Joey Molina - Phoenix
* Sabina Moore – Phoenix

**California**

* Jennifer Alford - Stockton
* Matthew Benavides - Redwood City
* Silvia Bonilla - Santa Ana
* Janinne Boutte - Santa Ana
* Teresa Bryant – Oakhurst
* Juan Corral - Santa Ana
* Ken Cutshaw - Canoga Park
* Brittany Davis - Santa Ana
* Brenda Haas - Santa Rosa
* Haely Hernandez – Perris
* Susan Kessel - Santa Ana
* Connie Madarang - West Covina
* Aramis Nahabedian - Port Hueneme
* Kathleen Paclibar - Sacramento
* Eva Pierce - Irvine
* Verenice Ramirez - Duarte
* Ann Shaw Rancho - Cordova
* Susannah Shoaf - Temecula
* Brandi Solarte - Santa Ana
* Alex Strudley - Ben Lomond
* Brandalyn Tramel - Windsor
* Kimberly Vazquez - Chino

**Colorado**

* Olivia Boudreau – Peyton

**Connecticut**

* Tara Cummins – Hartford

**District of Columbia**

* Cindy Smith – Washington DC

**Florida**

* Eryn Berg Tampa
* Peter Boers - Venice
* Markisha Boykin - Gainesville
* Peggy Cadeaux - Lauderhill
* Darlene Charles - Miramar
* Harmoni Clealand - Fort Lauderdale
* Melissa Couture – Kissimmee
* Leira Cruz Caliz - Gainesville
* Sophia Cunningham - Miami
* Nicholas Diaz - Fort Myers
* Asha Edwards - Plantation
* Jose Esquivel - West Palm Beach
* Devin Finegan - Orlando
* Mayren Franco – Miami
* Dan Fuller - Panama City
* Diana Fye - St Augustine
* Bryan Gabbard - Milton
* Jeffrey Gomez - Wellington
* Brooke Green - Fort Myers
* Michelle Guidry - Gainesville
* Dustin Guinta - Clearwater
* Jodi Hart - West Palm Beach
* Nicola Heredia - Gainesville
* Victoria Hernandez - Sunrise
* Katrina House - Tampa
* Lilia Jaimes-Renteria - Homestead
* Windelle Jean-Pierre - Fort Lauderdale
* Jean Joinville - Coral Springs
* Brenda Karr - Lake City
* Johanna Labrada - West Palm Beach
* Pedro Martinez - Cutler Bay
* Marcel Martinez - Orlando
* Darius McPhall - Gainesville
* Alexander Meloy - Clearwater
* Ariel Montalvo - West Palm Beach
* Charisma Montfort - Miami
* Loucinda Norton - Milton
* Gian Carlo Otero - Orlando
* Jason O'Toole - Clearwater
* Cassandra Palm - Orlando
* Katrina Ponzini - St. Cloud
* Christine Roberts - Steinhatchee
* Lia Rodriguez - Miami
* Anela Saday - Tarpon Springs
* Maria Salvatierra - Sunrise
* Arima Santana - Kissimmee
* Suzanne Siu - Orlando
* Viviana Solorzano Giarimoustas - Naples
* Ecaterina Suli-Wolf - Fort Lauderdale
* Lashonne Williams-Canty - Fort Lauderdale
* Jack Wood - West Palm Beach
* Jeremin Worlds - Boca Raton
* Summer Wyllie-Vitt - Melbourne
* Lina Zapata – Sunrise

**Georgia**

* Krystal Ashley - Jonesboro
* Yolanda Broome - East Point
* Sharonda Thompson - Albany
* Nicole Weems - Decatur
* Elaine Wilson-Beverly – McDonough

**Illinois**

* Pamela Amoako - Chicago
* CoMakiya Baskin-Smith - Chicago
* Jovan Johnson - Chicago
* Dorthea Lovelace - Lansing
* Chaney Lovellette - Springfield
* Melinda Macias - Loves Park
* Lee Saulter - Oak Lawn
* Ethan Sinnema – Chicago

**Indiana**

* Vanessa Freeman – Ellettsville

**Iowa**

* Zachary Gillen - Ankeny

**Kansas**

* Stephanie Creed - Bonner Springs

**Kentucky**

* Stacy Blank - Frankfort
* Jennifer Miracle - Lexington
* Kathy Robinson - Frankfort
* Daniel Salvato - Frankfort
* Travis Trent - Frankfort
* Jessica Wright – Jeffersonville

**Louisiana**

* Renee Anderson -Shreveport
* Tammy Grant - Baton Rouge
* Cecilie Halliwill Primeaux - New Orleans

**Maine**

* Barrie Lighe – Biddeford

**Maryland**

* Susan Arneson - Upper Marlboro
* Dana Bowman - Fort Washington
* Kris Chewlin - Largo
* Jeffrey Davis - Baltimore
* April Dickens - Bryans Road
* De'Nerika Johnson - Upper Marlboro
* James Knighton - Hyattsville
* Christopher McDonald - Baltimore
* Tamara Roberts – Laurel

**Michigan**

* Samantha Gallimore - Laingsburg
* Brittney Villarreal - Lansing

**Minnesota**

* Kimberly Austin - Pillager
* Robert Carey - Saint Paul
* Laura Vedder - Saint Paul

**Mississippi**

* Bobbie Green - Jackson
* Karen Hatten - Brandon
* Samuel Lemonis – Raymond

**Missouri**

* Rachel Hogrefe - Jefferson City
* Timothy Jones - Lee's Summit
* Justin Long - Jefferson City
* Renee Medlin Schumacher - Lebanon
* Richelieu Sese - Independence

**North Carolina**

* Penny Helms - Monroe
* Chad Hicks - Boone
* Jeffrey Howard - Asheboro
* Ana Sostaric – Raleigh

**Nebraska**

* Mikayla Johnson – Lincoln
* Dana Smith – Lincoln

**New Jersey**

* Mathias Banner - Newton
* Alfred Sellu – Burlington

**New York**

* Kimberly Christian - Queensbury
* Vadim Fridkin - Brooklyn
* Gina Klug - Smithtown
* Christopher O'Connor - Lyons
* Ashley Scutt - Geneseo

**Ohio**

* Jace Bounds - Dayton
* John Edmondson - Cincinnati
* Nicole Eger - Centerville
* Melissa Geswein

**Oklahoma**

* Nathan Watson - Edmond

**Ontario**

* Cholponai Amatova - Stouffville
* Shannon Banks - Welland
* Laura Case - Kitchener
* Sarah Crooks - Peterborough
* Nina Dang - Newmarket
* Michelle Doiron - Newmarket
* Tyler Gallea - Ajax
* Savan Harsh - Niagara Falls
* Mark Jones - Toronto
* Jose Justino - Ajax
* Nitin Lakhanpal - Newmarket
* Jodi Leary - Ajax
* Lynda Lewis - Bowmanville
* Maria Lombardo - Bolton
* Sherry Marr - Port Colborne
* Brandy Out - Pembroke
* Caterina Papa - Newmarket
* Polina Semenov - Waterloo

**Oregon**

* Kathryn Braeme-Burr - Portland
* Richard Contreras - Portland
* Julia Fraser - Portland
* Kimberley Hankins - Salem
* Craig Johnsen - Woodburn
* James Olson - Portland
* Kiersten Vanderhoof - Hillsboro
* Lynnette Waite - Portland

**Pennsylvania**

* Margaret Anthony - Allentown
* Jason Crouch - Philadelphia
* Rose Panetta - Allentown

**Rhode Island**

* Alejandro Tirado – Providence

**South Carolina**

* Katie Brown - Walhalla
* Vernon Daniels - Columbia
* Latoyia Davis - Lexington
* Kenton Davis - Columbia
* Scott Dobereiner - Lexington
* Logan Hickey - Spartanburg
* Ashley Kennedy-Shell - Columbia
* Emmett Kirwan - Columbia
* Joel Manning - Rock Hill
* Victoria Moyer - Beaufort
* Gary Porth - Cameron
* Traci Tokarczyk - Summerville
* Lucas Watford – Columbia

**Tennessee**

* Gary Clay - Nashville
* Scott Ferguson - Nashville
* Michelle Lane - Nashville
* Lindsey Parrish - Chattanooga
* Cathryn Perdue - Germantown
* Terri Ray - Nashville
* Karisa Scott – Knoxville

**Texas**

* Timothy Accountius - McKinney
* Sana Amanullah - San Antonio
* Jennifer Cook - Coppell
* Michelle Croft - Austin
* Tracey Epps - Denton
* Erik Erwin - Frisco
* Julie Gohlke - Schertz
* Jo Ann Gunn - Fort Worth
* Priscilla Harrington - Manor
* Beverly Mendez - Austin
* Sissy Norman Sabillon - Conroe
* Michael Parrish Plano
* Sue Pawlik - Bellaire
* Jonathan Preiss - San Antonio
* Katherine Rios - McKinney
* Brandi Whittenton - College Station

**Utah**

* Richard Straw – Salt Lake City

**Virginia**

* Joanne Bryant Capron
* Ethel Edwards - Virginia Beach
* Amy Gardner - Suffolk
* Annie Korn - Harrisonburg
* Nebila Kurtu - Leesburg
* Barbarann Martinez - Fairfax
* Julie Turner- Suffolk
* Kennedy Venaglia - Henrico
* Amee Vyas - Fairfax
* Linda Williams - Fairfax
* Jessica Yost - Yorktown

**Washington**

* Lionel Boisvert - Seattle
* Nicona Butler - Ephrata
* Alexander Clark - Tacoma
* Clark Langstraat - Everett
* Christopher Martinez - Olympia
* LeAnna Sandy – Olympia

**West Virginia**

* Heather DeHaven - Martinsburg

If you are considering professional certification, the unique focus of the NIGP-CPP…***targeted specifically for procurement leaders***…truly sets it apart. The NIGP-CPP is the only certification offering anchored in the [Public Procurement Competency Framework](https://www.nigp.org/learning/competency-framework) that was developed from a research study funded by the [Volcker Alliance](https://www.volckeralliance.org/resources/doing-peoples-business-key-competencies-effective-public-procurement). It offers the flexibility demanded by fast-paced professionals… no training prerequisites, four testing windows annually, a two-year period to pass the individually-scored modular exams, and six eligibility pathways that reflect a mix of educational achievements and relevant work experience. Equally unique, the NIGP-CPP is integrated into the [NIGP Pathways](https://www.nigp.org/learning/what-is-pathways) portfolio of learning and credentialling that grows with your career in public procurement. For those professionals new to public procurement, professional certification is likely not the first step in your journey, but Pathways intentionally offers something for everyone so you can begin to be recognized for your learning well before you are eligible for certification.

As a reminder, the opportunity to ‘bridge’ to the NIGP-CPP from a current CPPO or CPPB designation administered by the UPPCC is quickly coming to a close. The bridge provides an opportunity for an eligible candidate to take and pass only Module B of the two-part NIGP-CPP exam. The final testing window is May 2024 and the registration period to schedule a May exam will close on March 31, 2024. After May 2024, current CPPO or CPPB holders can continue to apply for their NIGP-CPP under Pathway F which provides an abbreviated application process but will be required to successfully pass both exam modules.

To learn more about the value of the NIGP-CPP program, visit the NIGP Website by clicking [here](https://www.nigp.org/nigp-cpp) or join us for one of our monthly informative webinars on the NIGP-CPP and Pathways program.