President’s Corner

Jon Sewell, CPPB
NIGP President
Central Gulf Coast Chapter

The National Forum was both enjoyable and professionally rewarding. I met many experienced people with new ideas that will benefit our chapter. The new NIGP legal representative shared some great ideas that can help us to limit our liabilities when conducting chapter business and provided suggested bylaws language that we might want to explore. Attendees from our chapter will be giving reports at the next meeting.

Our new website, www.cgccnigp.org will go live October 1. This new chapter information portal will improve our internal chapter communication, records keeping and accessibility, external communications and provide sponsorship opportunities that will be one of our new revenue sources. Later this week you will receive a power point presentation describing this and other sponsorship opportunities available. Please send the presentation to your vendors and encourage them to support our chapter.

Reverse Trade Show
March 11, 2011

Our Annual Reverse Trade Show is on March 11, 2011, at North West Florida State College in Niceville. We anticipate having booth spaces available for you to reserve via our website shortly after October 1. Marcheta Gillespie, NIGP Executive Board Member, will be a presenter at the Trade Show. Please provide ideas of topics that you think will be beneficial to vendors and to our members. If you are willing to present or participate as a panelist, let me know now so we can get the class schedule together.

The Region Seven conference call is on September 23rd. The current agenda includes Chapter Environmental Scan, 2013 Forum in Orlando, and “What’s new at NIGP?” If you have a discussion topic or question, please get it to me. Orlando was chosen to host the 2013 Forum and they have asked us to participate in fund raising and planning for the 2013 Forum, so share those bright ideas so I can pass them along to the region.

Our chapter is experiencing some great momentum this year. It is an honor to serve as your president and to get to work with such a great group of people. Thank you for the continuing support and your show of faith in me. It is my hope to continue serving you by working hard to improve our chapter and to meet the needs of all of our members.

Piggyback Contracts

Santa Rosa County School Board
Bid No.: 10-02 On-Line Procurement
Santa Rosa School Board owns the right to the software, and by going through their portal, discount pricing is received for the following groups of items:

- Art Supplies
- Science Supplies
- Office Supplies
- Sporting Goods
- School Supplies
- Office Equipment

Buyer: Judd Crane 850-983-5133
cranej@mail.santarosa.k12.fl.us
www.santarosa.k12.fl.us/purchasing

School District of Escambia County
Computer Peripherals No. 110304 - Lexmark printers, Epson projectors, SMART Boards and accessories, toner cartridges (some non-OEM options), document camera and flip camcorder.

http://old.escambia.k12.fl.us/adminoff/finance/purchasing/technology%20purchases.html

Buyer: Bob Pacenta 850-469-6204
rpacenta@escambia.k12.fl.us

Did You Vote?
Voting Deadline is Sept 20, 2010

Owner Direct Purchase
by Paul Nobles

The Florida Department of Revenue recently changed Rule 12A-1.094 concerning Owner Direct Purchases. How will this change affect those of us who use ODP to save sales tax in construction? Note: Due to limited space, Paul’s response is attached. This topic will also be discussed in more detail at the October 15th meeting.

Congratulations
William Worlds completed training for FCPM (Florida Certified Purchasing Manager) and FCPA (Florida Certified Purchasing Agent). William is a Purchasing Agent with the City of Fort Walton.

NIGP Meeting

Mark your calendar for the next NIGP meeting!

When: October 15, 2010
Breakfast at 8:30 AM
Presentations begin at 9 AM

Where: Springfield Community Building
3728 E. 3rd Street,
Springfield, FL 32401

Register by September 24th
Registration Form Attached for Your Convenience
On August 25, 2010, the Florida Department of Revenue held a Rule Development Workshop to address proposed changes to Rule 12A-1.094, F.A.C – Public Works Contracts. The following changes were made to Rule 12A-1.094:

12A-1.094 Public Works Contracts.

(1) through (3) No change.
(4)(a) through (b) No change.

(c)1. To be entitled to purchase materials tax exempt for a public works project, a governmental entity is required to issue a Certificate of Entitlement to each vendor and to the governmental entity's contractor to certify that the tangible personal property purchased from that vendor will go into or become a part of a public works. This requirement does not apply to any agency or branch of the United States government.

2. The governmental entity's purchase order for materials to be incorporated into the public works project and the entity's Florida Consumer's Certificate of Exemption must be attached to the Certificate of Entitlement.

3. The governmental entity will also certify that if the Department determines that tangible personal property sold by a vendor tax-exempt pursuant to a Certificate of Entitlement does not qualify for the exemption under Section 212.08(6), F.S., and this rule, the governmental entity will be liable for any tax, penalty, and interest determined to be due.

4. The following is the format of the Certificate of Entitlement to be issued by the governmental entity:

What does this mean to those of us in procurement that use ODP (Owner Direct Purchases) in order to save sales tax in construction of capital projects?

1. A “Letter for Technical Assistance” is no longer required by the Department of Revenue before an entity can use ODP on a construction project. It is now optional to ask them to review your process and documents.

2. The contractor shall include all Florida State sales and other taxes normally applicable to such material and equipment in their bid.

3. For those items selected for ODP, the contractor shall provide the cost of the material and/or equipment, sales tax applied and provider information.

4. The entity must issue its own purchase order to that provider for the material and/or equipment to be included in the construction.

5. The Department of Revenue has developed a three (3) page document titled “Certificate of Entitlement” that must be included with the purchase order to the provider along with the entities Consumer’s Certificate of Exemption and a copy must be sent to the contractor for their records (for the Department of Revenue).

6. The entity must also carry either Builders Risk or Installation Floater insurance for any material and/or equipment purchased by ODP. The entity can’t have the contractor carry additional insurance to cover these items.

7. After all of this, if the Department of Revenue determines that the purchase was not exempt the entity will be responsible for the tax, penalty or interest.

This will be discussed in more detail at the October 15, 2010 chapter meeting in the City of Springfield.

Should you need copies of the Department of Revenue’s Certificate of Entitlement or would like a copy of the Escambia County Office of Purchasing’s revised procedure for using ODP under the revised Rule 12A-1.094, please contact Paul R. Nobles, Purchasing Coordinator, 850-595-4918 or paul_nobles@co.escambia.fl.us.