The Iowa Public Procurement Association (IPPA) is the 76th chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP)! The chapter has 64 charter members from city, county, state, and educational agencies throughout Iowa.

The chartering ceremony and first official meeting of IPPA chapter members was held on November 19, 2008, at the Wallace State Office Building Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa. The chartering ceremony was conducted by Kirk Buffington, NIGP President. Other special guests included Michael Bevis, Chief Procurement Officer for the City of Naperville, IL and NIGP regional director, Jennifer Steffan, NIGP Chapter Relations Manager, Cathy Link, Illinois Association of Public Procurement Officials (IAPPO) president, and Anita Juarez, also representing IAPPO.

In conjunction with the chartering ceremony, a full day of learning and networking opportunities for Iowa public procurement professionals included Bid Evaluation: Practical Applications of Responsiveness and Responsibility presented by Michael Bevis.

Iowa Public Procurement Association Board members elected for 2009 include the following individuals who also served as the volunteer formation board:

Luana Stoneking, CPPB, City of Ames (President)
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Laurie Hoing, Iowa Department of Administrative Services (Secretary)
Pat Harmeyer, Iowa Department of Transportation (Treasurer)
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Catherine McRoberts, CPPB, University of Northern Iowa (Member at Large)
Bob Spring, Davenport Schools (Member at Large)