**Summers in Public Procurement**

As public purchasing agents, we know that the summer isn’t always that calm relaxing time others say it should be. Our departments are set on spending their remaining budgets before September 30th and they want us to drop everything to help procure their services, goods and projects. Here are some tips to help you calm during the summer procurement storms:

- Maintain priority lists per department and work with project managers to discuss pending items.
- On pressing items, look for existing sources of supply locally before competing your own solicitations.
- To cut down on advertisement time, issue informal solicitations when possible.
- Randomly treat your staff to a quick snack break so you can get a breather together!
- Grant yourself some fresh air with a brisk walk.

Happy Summer Procuring!

Christina Semeraro, CPPO Communications/Newsletter Chair

**JULY E-LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES!**

NIGP offers free webinars worth one credit hour to national members! The month of July features some exciting enrichment options.

**Currently Scheduled Webinars:**
- 10th - Introducing NIGP Pathways
- 16th - Sustainable Purchasing 101
- 18th - Journey from $200K to $5M: Delegation of Procurement Authority to the Chief Procurement Officer

Registration Link: https://www.nigp.org/home/your-learning-journey/education/webinars

**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!**

Congratulations are in order to one of our very own! Keith Glatz, CPPO is the 2019 recipient of the Anne Deatherage Meritorious Service Award.

Established in 2005, this national award is named in honor of NIGP’s Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Anne Deatherage, who served the Institute in a variety of leadership capacities from 1972 to 2005. We are all looking forward to celebrating this honor with Keith at Forum in Austin!

Keith has served in a number of leadership capacities himself to include NIGP President, NIGP SEFL Chapter past president and chapter committee chair positions.

**KEY DATES**

**NIGP Annual Forum**
August 25-28, 2019
Austin, Texas
Rates vary based on package.
Register at www.nigp.org
*Register by July 15th.

**FAPPO Fall Workshop**
October 31, 2019
Tradewinds Island Grand Resort at St. Pete Beach
$99 per member. $149 non-member
Register at www.fappo.org*
*Register by October 23rd

**PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CERTIFICATION**

Whether you are looking to earn your CPPB, CPPO or one of the new NIGP ‘Pathways’ designations, the NIGP website is still your ticket to successful studying! Online and face-to face courses will help you study for the CPPB or CPPO test and even allow you to take practice exams. 'Pathways' is an innovative approach to help you develop personalized competency-based learning and credentialing paths for every phase and every stage of your working life in public procurement. It provides ultimate flexibility to create unique professional development experiences where you control your own destiny. You have the option to custom design your professional development to get focused learning for success in a current role, or to develop longer term strategic plans based on your career aspirations. Visit www.nigp.org for more information.