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2016 Chapter Award Entry

Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association- RMGPA

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Please select the award your Chapter is applying for. If applying for more than one please indicate each.

Entries Due by May 9, 2016

Award Categories:

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

Chapter of the Year submissions must include documentation for the four Excellence categories below as well as documentation to show excellence in Chapter Operations.

- Small Chapter (under 100)
- Medium Chapter (101-200)
- Large Chapter (201-350)
- Extra Large Chapter (351 or more)

- EXCELLENCE IN MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT**
- EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
- EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION**
- EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE**



Entry Form

I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS (Chapter of the Year Only)

1. Conducted an Officer Transition meeting providing written policies and procedures.
2. Had a current strategic plan with action items.
3. Established a formal marketing plan.
4. Conducted the following (No documentation required, simply indicate Yes or No for each on the blank provided):

X	Updated bylaws	X	Written job descriptions for Board and Committee positions
X	Prepared a yearly budget	X	Board of Director succession plan
X	Filed required IRS documents (990 or 990N)	X	Conducted a minimum of four Board and Committee meetings throughout the year
X	Established audit program	X	Chapter members serving on NIGP councils, committees or task forces
X	Record retention schedule	X	NIGP logo on membership materials
X	Internal financial controls	X	NIGP logo on chapter website

5. Bonus: Show us something new or innovative in Chapter Operations.

II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

1. Engaged in member recruitment activities and programs.
2. Engaged in member retention activities and programs.
3. Conducted member engagement activities and programs (i.e. Newsletters, surveys, awards, membership meetings).
4. Created membership enhancements through technology (i.e. Resource Library/research tools, job posting, online member directory, online payments, calendar of events).
5. Established a mentor program (young professionals, career development, chapter leadership, or certification).
6. Bonus: Show us something new or innovative in membership recruitment, retention and engagement.



III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Administered an NIGP educational curriculum for members (list NIGP classes that were scheduled, NIGP classes that were held and, indicate the number of attendees).
2. Hosted events such as conferences, trade shows or reverse trade shows (list and include dates and agendas).
3. Hosted Chapter professional development opportunities (list and include dates and agendas).
4. Supported certification through CPPB and CPPO prep classes, study groups, and recognition of newly certified members.
5. Provided speakers, facilitators, or moderators at procurement related educational events and seminars, including those for NIGP.
6. Bonus: Show us something new or innovative in education and professional development.

IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

1. Monitored and reported legislative updates and had a positive influence.
2. Held a successful community service or grassroots effort that significantly increased the visibility of the procurement profession.
3. Held a Chapter-sponsored Procurement Month activity or event.
4. Forged a partnership with a non-traditional partner (i.e. Other Professional Associations, Municipal Associations, Non-Profit organizations, etc.).
5. Collaborated with another NIGP Chapter or other procurement association.
6. Bonus: Show us something new or innovative in advocacy.

V. EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE

1. Created a formal engagement/partnership with a Higher-Ed program.
2. Offered a Scholarship Program that provided financial assistance to Chapter members (list type and provide application form).
3. Chapter attended career fairs, made "Procurement as a Profession" presentation, or created outreach to a specific audience (students, new professionals).
4. Utilized social media as a form of outreach and communication.
5. Created an internship and/or work-study program.
6. Bonus: Show us something new or innovative in inspiring procurement for the future.



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2016 NIGP EXTRA LARGE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION





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INTRODUCTION

The Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) Chapter of NIGP's mission is to provide our membership with the education, professional development, and technical assistance required to secure the public trust through the promotion of excellence and effectiveness in Public Procurement.

RMGPA is truly a family of procurement professionals committed to making connections, sharing information, mentoring new professionals, and continually looking for opportunities to improve the Chapter and the profession for the good of all members and public procurement.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit this entry for Extra Large Size Chapter of the Year and Excellence in Advocacy for Members and the Profession.

Sincerely,

RMGPA Board of Directors and Members

Highlights:

- "Making Connections" throughout 2015
- Using Google Hangouts, free video conferencing, to connect remote members
- First Student Member
- First RMGPA Student Brochure
- 45% increase in vendor participation through the use of BidNet advertising
- Over \$50,000 raised in 2 vendor events
- Three distinct opportunities for scholarships
- March is Procurement Month support and promotion through video with Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper
- Enhanced engagements with higher education
- Collaboration with NIGP Chapters on classes, operations, presentations, and Google Hangouts




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I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

1. Officer Transition Meeting

- The Board of Directors held its annual Officer Transitional Meeting after Winter Conference in December. The meeting included:
 - A review of the RMGPA Bylaws, Policies, Procedures and Important Meeting Dates
 - A discussion Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members
 - Sharing of goals and ideas for 2015
 - Evaluating budget cycle dates
 - A conversation on proposed conference locations and dates
 - Welcoming new Board Members
 - Setting an exciting and energetic tone for 2015
- Review a copy of the [Transitional Board Meeting Packet](#)



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TRANSITION MEETING**
Friday, December 12, 2014
11:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Agenda

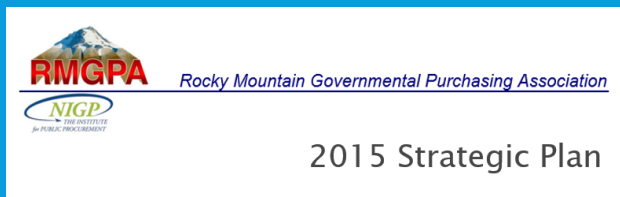
1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4. Administrative Items
 - a. Board Roster- tentative(new chairs will be approved at January Board Meeting)
 - b. 2015 Board Meeting Schedule
 - i. Meetings will be held at:
 1. City of Thornton Infrastructure Center, 12450 N. Washington Street, Thornton, CO 80241
 2. City of Centennial, 7272 S. Eagle St, Centennial, CO, 80112
 - ii. **January 28th, 10:30 – 12:30 p.m.** – Executive Board Meeting (Meeting place TBD)
 - iii. **January 28th, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** – Regular Board Meeting- **City of Thornton**
 - iv. **February 25th, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** – Study Session- **City of Centennial**
 - v. **April 29th, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** – Regular Board Meeting- **City of Thornton**
 - vi. **July 29th, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** – Regular Board Meeting- **City of Centennial**
 - vii. **October 28th, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** – Regular Board Meeting- **City of Thornton**
 - c. Snack Sign-Up
5. 2014 Wrap-Up by Kristen Spicola.
 - a. Chapter Strategic Plan Review
6. 2015 Board Initiatives Overview
 - a. Student Memberships/Mentor Program-
 - b. Chapter of the Year Update & Goals
7. 2015 Budget Planning
 - a. **December 15th** – Preliminary Budget to Chairs by Treasurer (2014 Budget vs. Actual)
 - b. **January 15th** – 2014 Preliminary Budget Input due to Treasurer
 - c. **January 22rd** – Preliminary Budget to RMGPA Board for Review by Treasurer
 - d. **January 28th** – Budget Presentation for Consideration of Adoption by Treasurer
8. Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members
 - a. Policies and Procedures for Committees
 - b. Attendance at Board Meetings
 - c. 2015 Newsletter Articles Deadlines - **3/20, 6/19, 9/25, 12/16**
 - d. Committee Successes/ Challenges/Goals
 - i. Awards
 - ii. BAC- Idea- Consolidation with Chapter Enhancement
 - iii. Chapter Enhancement- Challenge- RTVS Registration, Success- Vendor Exhibit Trade Show Sold-out, Goal- RVTS @ Fall Conference in Denver
 - iv. Communications
 - v. Education/Professional Development
 - vi. Elections
 - vii. Historian- Co-Chair Vacant

Dedicated to Excellence in Public Purchasing

I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

2. Strategic Plan and Action Items

- The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to develop sustainable strategies and identify responsibilities and resources within RMGPA. Strategies are based upon the current climate of the organization and recommended for implementation over the course of the year. Recommendations are reviewable, revisable and provide accountability while reinforcing continuous improvement.
- The RMGPA Board of Directors meets annually to review its Strategic Plan. They discuss successes and challenges of the past as well as opportunities and action items for the future. Quarterly meetings are also held to review the Plan, assess action items, and make any modifications necessary to fit the needs of the chapter.
- The Strategic Plan is presented to Membership each year for feedback and engagement.



Goals

- ▶ RMGPA is committed to utilizing technology to its full potential for the benefit of the procurement profession.
- ▶ Action Plan:
 - Increase use of social media (LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook)
 - Increase utilization of RMGPA's website and NSite
 - Increase use of surveys for feedback and to measure member satisfaction
 - Increase number of members who vote electronically
 - Increase use of Chapter Manager by Board members
- ▶ RMGPA is dedicated to promoting professional development.
- ▶ Action Plan:
 - Increase number of course offerings
 - Increase number of members who attend courses
 - Increase number of certified members
 - Offer a diverse offering of course topics
 - Increase number of scholarships awarded

GOAL #1

GOAL #2

Goals

- ▶ RMGPA is committed to inspiring membership to reach its full potential through quality and diverse programs.
- ▶ Action Plan:
 - Increase member satisfaction of conference workshops
 - Create availability of program content to membership following conferences
 - Develop a mentor program for new professionals, professional certification, and student membership
 - Increase number of RMGPA members
 - Increase number of volunteers
 - Research hosting a future NIGP Forum
- ▶ RMGPA is committed to collaborations with the business community to promote the procurement profession.
- ▶ Action Plan:
 - Increase collaboration between BAC, Chapter Enhancement, Marketing and the Programs committee
 - Increase utilization of BAC suppliers as an effective resource for articles, information, guest panels.
 - Increase promotion of the RMGPA Media Kit

GOAL #3

GOAL #4



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I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

2. Strategic Plan and Action Items (continued)

- 2015 Strategic Plan and Report Card of Actions Items (click on image to view documents)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2015 STRATEGIC PLAN

April 29, 2015

Mission Statement: RMGPA commits to effective and responsible procurement by promoting the highest level of professionalism, quality education and opportunities for networking.

The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to develop sustainable strategies, and identify responsibilities and resources within the organization. The strategies were based upon the current climate of the organization and recommended for implementation over a period of time. The recommendations are reviewable, revisable and provide accountability while reinforcing continuous improvement.

Goal 1: RMGPA is committed to utilizing technology to its full potential for the benefit of the procurement profession.

Action Plan:

- Increase use of social media (LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook)
- Increase utilization of RMGPA's website and NISite
- Increase use of surveys for feedback and to measure member satisfaction
- Increase number of members who vote electronically
- Increase use of use of Chapter Manager by Board members

Goal 2: RMGPA is dedicated to promoting professional development.

Action Plan:

- Increase number of course offerings
- Increase number of members who attend courses
- Increase number of certified members
- Offer a diverse offering of course topics
- Increase number of scholarships awarded

Goal 3: RMGPA is committed to inspiring membership to reach its full potential through quality and diverse programs.

Action Plan:

- Increase member satisfaction of conference workshops
- Create availability of program content to membership following conferences
- Develop a mentor program for new professionals, professional certification, and student membership
- Increase number of RMGPA members
- Increase number of volunteers
- Research hosting a future NIGP Forum

Goal 4: RMGPA is committed to collaborations with the business community to promote the procurement profession.

Action Plan:

- Increase collaboration between BAC, Chapter Enhancement, Marketing and the Programs committee
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- Increase promotion of the RMGPA Media Kit

Communication Plan

- Present Board of Directors and Membership with the Updated Annual Strategic Plan at Spring Meeting, in newsletter, and website.
- Reviewed by Board of Directors in July and at annual Strategic Study Session in February.
- Report Card update to Membership at each conference



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2015 Strategic Plan Summary
President, Molly McLoughlin, CPPB

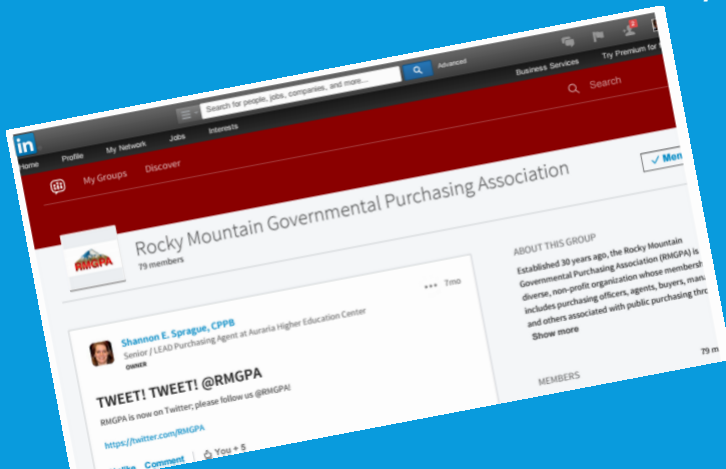
2015 RMGPA Strategic Report Card	Committee Assigned	2013	2014	30-Apr	31-Jul	30-Sep	31-Dec	Goal	Goal Met 2015
No. Courses Confirmed	Pro-D	9 actual 1000%	31 out of 31 = 100%	1	3	1	0	80%	97% = 12%
No. Members Attended a Course	Pro-D	108/104	128/104 = 123%	16	15	9	0	24%	49% = 7.4%
1 st Time Scholarships \$	Pro-D	0	Yes \$1,200	3	0	0	0	\$1,200	3 for \$600.00
Scholarships Awarded \$	Pro-D	\$1,000	Yes \$4,200 124% Budget	1	0	2	0	\$4,000	3 for \$933.00
No. Certified Members	Membership CPPB/CPPB	11801	12403	0	2	0	0	12403	188 CPPB + 45 CPPCs
No. Mentor Review Sessions	Pro-D	1	2	2 - cancelled	1	0	0	2	100 = 50%
LinkedIn Members	Marketing	48	6396 = 133%	76		79	79	68-100 member 88	7658 = 15.8%
LinkedIn Posts	Marketing	6	312 = 52%	5				14 Total	1404 = 38.3%
Twitter Posts	Marketing	6	766 = 127%			27 following 71 following, 5 7 reach	25 following, 75 following, 5 7 reach	12	97% = 80%
Facebook Posts	Marketing		766 = 201%			Launch 12/25/15	0	12	97% = 8%
Website Hits	Communications	Unknown	780					780	
Survey Participation %	Programs	Unknown	1405/17 = 82%	307/1 = 30%	3470 = 45%	3863 = 51%	4195/4 = 1%	50%	1280/4 = 4%
Member Satisf. of Conferences*	Programs	Unknown	84.5% = 82.8%	97.30%	93%	96%	97.4	95%	95.20%
No. Members Attended Conf.	Programs	200/168	280/168 = 17%	78	70	53	90	87%	365/13 = 17%
Members Voted Electronically	Business	90/108	21%	0	0	0	108/108	21%	21.3%
New Member Packets	Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
No. RMGPA Members	Membership	458	484 = 106.1%	461	476	480	523	5%	523/458 = 1.1407 increase of 5.5%
No. RMGPA/NIGP Members	Membership	277/168	349/168 = 206.5%	3	1	7	349	60%	349/168 = 2.07%
No. RMGPA Volunteers	Membership	31/108	20/108 = 18%						20/108 = 18%
No. Student Members	Membership	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	1
No. Recognized Years of Service	Membership	0	Yes, 7	1	0	0	0	07	5
RVTS Vendor Participation	Chapter Enhancement	64	Yes, 93	0	0	112	0	90	112/90 = 24% increase
No. Newsletters to Membership	Newsletter	4	Yes, 4	1	1	1	1	4	4
No. RMGPA Rewards	Pro-President	11	Yes	1 \$50.00	0	2 \$50.00		10	0 awarded, 1 used
No. RMGPA Awards/Nominations	Awards	2	Yes, 4	1	0	3 nominating	2	2	3 awarded
Corp Support Prog. # of Contacts	Marketing		Yes, 10			3 this year	0	10	3
# Marketing Outreach Efforts	Marketing		Yes 2015			1 this year	0	6	1



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3. Marketing Plan

- The 2015 Marketing Plan focused on the action items in the RMGPA Strategic Plan to reach membership and vendors using social media and creative outlets like Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.





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3. Marketing Plan (continued)

- Our corporate support program was utilized to secure a technology partner, Zunesis. We continue to promote the program through the distribution of our Marketing Bookmark to all potential corporate sponsors.
- We also leveraged our relationship with a vendor partner, BidNet, to help advertise our Reverse Vendor Trade Show and Winter Trade Show. As a result, **vendor participation was up over 45%** from the previous year.

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CORPORATE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Established 30 years ago, the Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) is a diverse, non-profit organization whose membership includes professional purchasing officers, agents, buyers, managers and others associated with public procurement throughout the Rocky Mountain Region. RMGPA has been a member Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) since 1987 and continues to grow.

RMGPA's Corporate Support Program offers corporations access and exposure to over 500 procurement decision makers representing more than 100 state, local and regional purchasing authorities, through a variety of options.

Types of Sponsorships
Website • Conference • Newsletter

Participate in the Corporate Support Program:

www.rmgpa.org



RMGPA Fall Reverse Trade Show 9/11/2015

You're Invited!

Dear Randy,

As a vendor registered on the Rocky Mountain Purchasing Group, you are invited to attend the Fall 2015 RMGPA Reverse Vendor Trade Show in Denver! Meet with over 40 local and state government agencies at our annual vendor trade show, where you get to visit each booth and talk directly with government purchasing professionals!

Register today! space is limited per session and a few sponsorships are still available.

The Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) is a diverse, non-profit group of purchasing officers, agents, buyers, managers and others associated with public purchasing throughout Colorado and Wyoming. Our Reverse Vendor Trade Shows are designed to give you a chance to speak directly with our members. See below for more details on the upcoming show.

When: Friday, September 11, 2015
(two sessions schedule 1-2:30pm & 3-4:30pm)

Where: PPA Event Center
2105 Decatur Street, Denver, CO

What: RMGPA Reverse Vendor Trade Show
Early Bird Special: \$175 before August 21st

Registration includes:

- Listing within brochure given to participating agencies
- One of two sessions to meet with all participating agencies
- Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Register today!

Any questions? Please download the RMGPA Reverse Trade Show [brochure](#).

We look forward to seeing you at the RMGPA Reverse Trade Show!

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19 members

Shannon E. Sprague, CPFB
Senior / LEAD Purchasing Agent at Aurora Higher Education Center

2015 VENDOR EXHIBIT SHOWCASE RMGPA ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) will be hosting an RMGPA Vendor Exhibit Showcase. This event will give businesses the opportunity to showcase their products and services, as well as have the opportunity to network 1-on-1. [Show more](#)

ABOUT THIS GROUP

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MEMBERS 19 members

I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

3. Marketing Plan (continued)

- Continuing to attract RMGPA & NIGP membership remains a key component of the Marketing Plan.
- Distribution of our Membership Bookmark is used to increase involvement by explaining what we do and reinforcing the benefits of belonging to RMGPA.

RMGPA Membership up almost 6% over 2014



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MEMBERSHIP

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RMGPA's goal is to provide our membership with the education, professional development and technical assistance required to secure the public trust through the promotion of excellence and effectiveness in public procurement.

Membership Benefits:

- Professional training and certification
- Networking
- Quarterly conferences
- RMGPA MemberConnect List Serve
- Monitoring of purchasing related legislation

Become a Member:
www.rmgpa.org






Greetings RMGPA Member!

NIGP is once again offering a 15% discount for members that register for Forum as a group through their NIGP Chapter. The discount is only available for FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS and to members that are both a chapter and national member. Forum is scheduled for August 1 – 5th in Kansas City, MO. Click [HERE](#) to see Forum event details.

Please visit RMGPA's website and register by **THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH** in order to take advantage of this opportunity. RMGPA will complete the registration for each individual registration. A registration confirmation will then be sent to each chapter member directly from NIGP.

Don't wait – Register Today to take advantage of this great Forum Rate! Click [HERE](#) to Register.

I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

3. Marketing Plan (continued)

- IN 2016, we developed our first RMGPA Student Membership Brochure for distribution at career fairs.

(click on image to view brochure)

ABOUT US

Established in 1961, the Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) is a diverse, non-profit organization whose membership includes purchasing officers, agents, buyers, managers and others associated with public government throughout Colorado and Wyoming. RMGPA is a regional member Chapter of NIGP (The National Institute for Governmental Purchasing). We provide members with the education, professional development and technical assistance required to ensure the public trust through the promotion of excellence and effectiveness in public government.

OUR VALUES

- Excellence & Professionalism
- Ethical Behavior & Integrity
- Continuing Education & Certification
- Working & Collaborative
- Leadership Development
- Outreach, Inclusion & Diversity
- Best Procurement Value
- Expertise, Innovation and Technology
- Establishing a Welcoming and Friendly Environment
- Making the Profession Meaningful & Relevant

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CHOOSING PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AS A CAREER

Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association

WHAT IS PUBLIC PROCUREMENT?

Simply put, public procurement is the contracting and acquisition of the goods and services required to sustain society and its way of life. How do roads become roads? How are parks, schools, libraries, and water treatment facilities established and maintained? What is needed for research to be conducted at state universities? How does a community provide for emergency response to natural or man-made catastrophes?

At every level of society and every mile of government, there is evidence of the public procurement profession.

Public procurement professionals:

- » Ensure public business is conducted in a fair, open, and transparent manner.
- » Identify the best winning method for public contracts.
- » Help build public trust in government spending and process an efficient, responsible government by protecting the taxpayer's dollar.
- » Identify and implement sustainable practices in the government process.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

An undergraduate degree in business, public administration, or related course of study provides an excellent background for a career in public procurement. Your commitment to ethics, personal integrity, strong problem solving skills and an eagerness to serve, be challenged, and grow professionally is a winning combination for long term success.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The baby boom generation is ready for retirement and governments and public entities at all levels will experience the impact. According to an October 2007 research study by the National Association of State Procurement Officials, the percentage of government workers over 45 years old is 44.6% versus 31.2% in the private sector.

COMPENSATION

Compensation varies depending on factors like specific responsibilities, size and location of the entity, individual experience and education background.

GET INVOLVED!

Student membership with RMGPA is open to high school and full-time college students interested in exploring a career in public procurement. Public procurement includes federal, state, county, municipal, and public school systems, colleges, universities, commissions, authorities, and any other political subdivisions of the state. Student membership is a free. All you have to do is join.






Student Member Benefits:

- » Connect with public procurement professionals
- » Networking in-person and online
- » Discounted registration to attend RMGPA conferences and educational events
- » Job board
- » Quarterly newsletters
- » Volunteer opportunities
- » Internship opportunities

I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

4. Confirmation

- RMGPA proudly confirms that the chapter has completed the following for 2015:

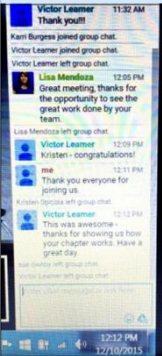
 Updated bylaws	 Written job descriptions
 Prepared a yearly budget	 Board of Director succession plan
 Filed required IRS documents	 Conducted 4 board meetings and committee meetings
 Established audit program	 Chapter members serving on NIGP councils, committees or task forces
 Record retention schedule	 NIGP logo on membership materials
 Internal financial controls	 NIGP logo on chapter website

I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

5. Bonus: New or Innovative in Chapter Operations

- RMGPA is continually looking for new and innovative ways to use technology to connect with members and other NIGP Chapters.
- We began using Google Hangouts in early 2015 for Board meetings. We have since transitioned to using this free video conferencing platform as a regular part of our conference Business Meetings to give members who can't attend, the opportunity to participate.
- We successfully expanded this revolutionary option and invited other NIGP Chapters to join a meeting to learn how to use Google Hangouts for their membership. The NIGP chapters from Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii joined us in December for a trial at Winter Conference. (click on the article to expand)

Google Hangouts: NIGP Values in Action
by Valerie Scott, CPPB, Vice President



Innovation, Collaboration, and the synergy they provide.


These are two NIGP Values in practice as RMGPA continues to grow our use of video conferencing technology. At the 2015 RMGPA Fall Conference, we transcended the boundaries of the conference room by sharing the general business meeting on Google Hangouts with RMGPA members who did not attend the conference. At the 2015 Winter Conference, we took the general business meeting across an ocean.

In addition to RMGPA members, we had three out-of-state guests join the Winter Conference general business meeting:

- Sue Ownby, CPPB, CPO, President of the Washington Chapter of NIGP;
- Victor Leamer, CPPB, of Juneau, Alaska and the new Alaska-Hawaii Chapter;
- and Lisa Mendoza of Honolulu, Hawaii and the Alaska-Hawaii Chapter.

Google Hangout participants were able to watch as President **Molly McLoughlin** conducted the business meeting at the conference; Past President **Kristen Spicola** delivered her Past President report from an airport; and we all followed along with the meeting agenda as Programs Co-Chair **Beth Hewes** shared her computer screen with the agenda displayed.

The innovation and collaboration displayed during the Winter Conference is a significant step toward working more closely and efficiently with one another within the RMGPA family and beyond. We look to the future with great anticipation of what is yet to come!





Hi RMGPA Members-

If you are not attending the Winter Conference this year, join us for the business meeting via Google Hangout! The business meeting will be Thursday December 10, 2015 11:30 am - 12:00pm, MST.

If you would like to join the business meeting via Google Hangouts, please send an e-mail to rmgpa@programs@gmail.com by the end of the day December 9, 2016 and we will send you an invitation to join the meeting. You must have a g-mail account to participate.

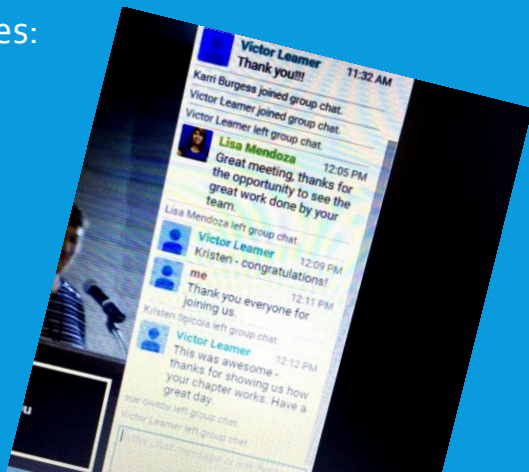
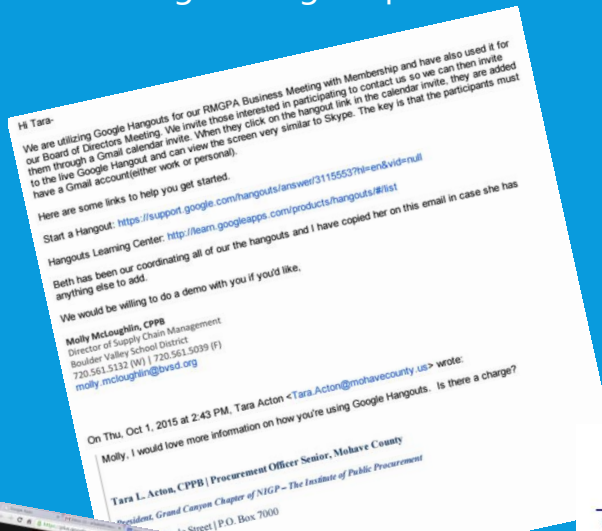
Happy Holidays!
Programs Committee

Google Hangouts connects RMGPA and NIGP Chapters!

I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

5. Bonus: New or Innovative in Chapter Operations (continued)

- Google Hangout photos and invites:




Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association

2015 WINTER CONFERENCE
December 10-11, 2015
Embassy Suites
7290 Commerce Center Dr., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919

RMGPA Gives Back!
At the conference, we will collect non-perishable food items for the Southeast Baptist Food Pantry in Colorado Springs. Donations will be delivered after the conference.

Conference Agenda

 Indicates that session is available remotely via Google Hangouts

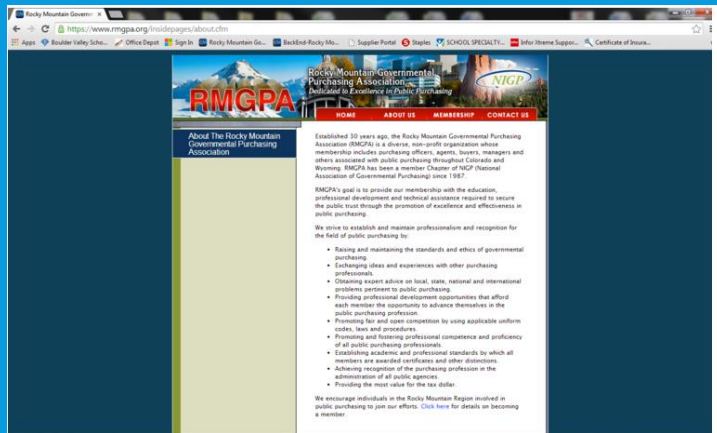
If you would like to participate in the Hangout, please email rmgpaprograms@gmail.com by Wednesday, December 9th.

I. EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS

5. Bonus: New or Innovative in Chapter Operations (continued)

- RMGPA is dedicated to providing up-to-date technology to help our members access information. Every five years RMGPA has committed to refreshing its website, www.rmghpa.org.
- In 2015 an update of the website included a [welcome video](#) for new and prospective members and an overall contemporary feel.

• Original Site



• New and Improved Site



II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

1. Engage in Member Recruitment

- RMGPA Membership Committee recognizes new members and first time conference attendees at each conference and in our newsletters.



Summer



Spring



Fall

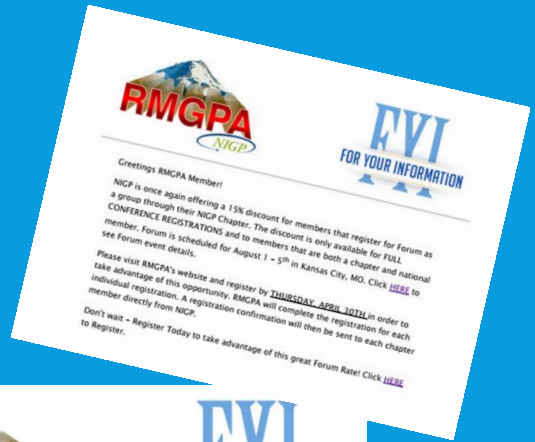
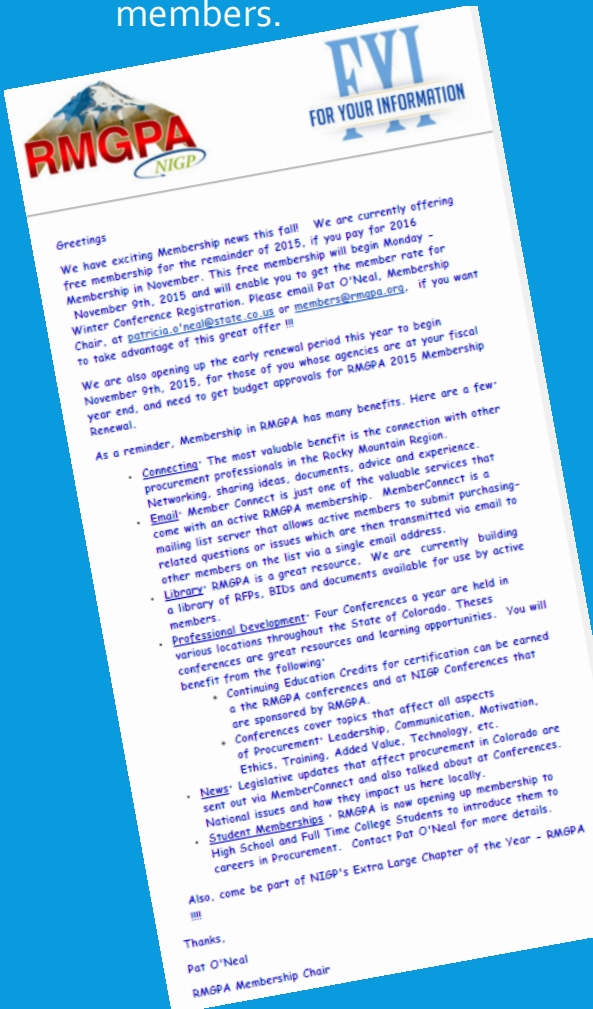


Winter

II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

1. Engage in Member Recruitment (continued)

- An Annual Membership Drive is held each Fall by our Membership Committee to recruit new RMGPA colleagues. The Committee offers free membership for the remainder of the year for those that sign up for the coming year.
- The chapter also offers group, discounted rates for NIGP Forum Registration and encourages all members to become NIGP members.



RMGPA NIGP EVI FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Our 2016 Membership Drive is in full force and off to great start!!!
Thanks to all of you who have paid your 2016 Membership Dues in RMGPA.

When you are completing your 2016 RMGPA Membership Registration, don't forget to also join NIGP.

Dual Membership in RMGPA and NIGP is very beneficial to our chapter and also to you as a Procurement Professional.

Some of the benefits are :

- Professional Development via Face to Face and Online Classes
- Webinars
- Certification Preparation
- Unlimited Procurement Resources
- Access to up to date and trending Best Practices and other Sourcing and Management Tools and Resources.

So, if you are a current or aspiring Procurement Professional, membership in NIGP is a valuable tool for your future success.

Join NIGP today!!!

Thanks,
Pat O'Neal
RMGPA Membership Chair

II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

2. Engage in Member Retention

- Our membership retention outreach includes:
 - Member Milestones at each Winter Conference
 - Past Presidents' Reception
 - RMGPA Rewards for Volunteers
 - RMGPA Volunteer Recognition
 - Retirement & Lifetime Member Recognition



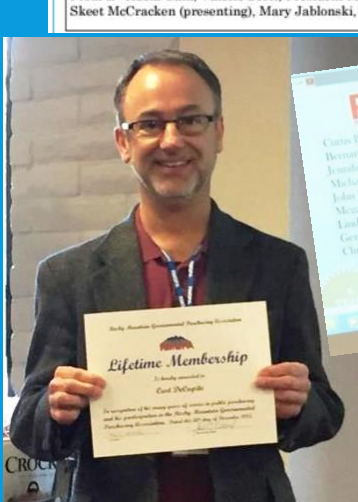
RMGPA Volunteers Recognized at Spring Conference



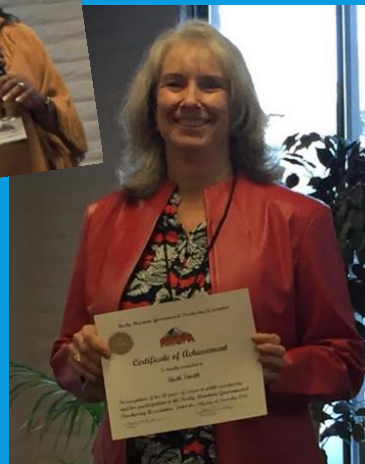
From L - Adela Gain, Valerie Scott, President Molly McLoughlin (presenting), Pam Smith, Bill Oliver, Vice President Skeet McCracken (presenting), Mary Jablonski, Curt DeCapite, and Jennifer Nellis



Sharon Williams-Retirement



Curt DeCapite-Lifetime Member



30 years-Ruth Smith

II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

Member Survey Response at an All Time High!

3. Member Engagement

- RMGPA conducts surveys throughout the year to gain valuable feedback from our members.
 - In 2015 member survey participation was 44% and member satisfaction of conferences was 86% .
- RMGPA Buyer and Manager of the Year Awards
- RMGPA Distinguished Service Award
- RMGPA Volunteer of the Year Award
- Quarterly RMGPA High Notes Newsletters

(click on the links below to view newsletters)

- [2015, Issue I](#)
- [2015, Issue II](#)
- [2015, Issue III](#)
- [2015, Issue IV](#)

7) Rate your overall level of satisfaction with the member benefits provided by RMGPA for this year.		
	Percentage	Count
Excellent – Provided excellent service	39%	18
Above Average – Exceeded expectations	41%	19
Acceptable – Met minimum needs	17%	8
Fair – Partially met perceived needs	2%	1
Poor – Failed to meet perceived needs	0%	0

Mar 16, 2015	Mar 20, 2015	2015 RMGPA Spring Conference	Mar 16, 2015 7:16:10 PM	25	
Jun 15, 2015	Jun 26, 2015	2015 - RMGPA Summer Conference	Jun 15, 2015 6:27:18 PM	34	
Sep 17, 2015	Sep 25, 2015	2015 Fall Conference and Reverse Vendor Trade Show		28	
Dec 22, 2015	Jan 15, 2016	2015 Winter Conference		41	

RMGPA 2015 Winter Conference



Awards Committee Chair Curt Decapite presents the 2015 Distinguished Service Award to Keith Ashby and 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award to Kathleen Budd.

2014 Buyer of the Year Award

Submitted by Curt DeCapite, Awards Committee Chair

Each year, RMGPA honors the best among us by presenting the Buyer of the Year and Manager of the Year awards.

The 2014 RMGPA Buyer of the Year is Traci Gorman, CPPPO, CPPB, from Anapahoe County! Traci has been working in public procurement since 2004. She spent many years on the RMGPA Board in various roles. In 2010 and 2011, Traci was the Program Committee Chair, and from 2011 to 2013 she was the Multiple Committee Chair. She also was the elected Chairwoman for the Multiple Assembly of Procurement Officials from the middle of 2013 through the middle of 2014.

As the Purchasing Agent for the Anapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Traci has streamlined the ordering process and made ordering more convenient for both new and replacement uniforms for deputies. She is also in the process of developing an online training class for the County's purchasing card program.

Traci was recently cited in the cover story of the October 2014 issue of Government Fleet Magazine. The article is titled [How to Streamline the Procurement Process](#), and Traci's perspective highlighted the savings realized by issuing County bids for vehicles, as opposed to piggybacking off State bids which include equipment not needed by the County. Another issue she discussed was the timeliness of the State's bid process compared to being able to receive vehicles in the first quarter. The full article can be viewed here: <http://www.governmentfleet.com/changes/procurementandcontracts/201410>

Congratulations Traci! Well done!

Congratulations to Bill Oliver, St. Vrain Valley Schools, for also being nominated, which is an honor and recognition of a job well done. (Note: There were no nominations for Manager of the Year)



Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association



II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

4. Membership Enhancements through Technology

- RMGPA's website is a versatile tool used to communicate important, up-to-date information to membership, connect members, make on-line payments, store archived documents, view the Specification Library, and post-conference presentations.

Specification Library



Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association
DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC PURCHASING



Chapter Presentation Archive

II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT


4. Membership Enhancements through Technology (continued)

- RMGPA recognized a need to connect membership to Board and Conference Business meetings when they couldn't attend in person. In 2015, Google Hangouts, a free video conferencing, was rolled out to a resounding applause.

Helping Members Connect Throughout the Region!



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
Submitted by Molly McLoughlin, CPPB



Greetings RMGPA Members-

What an exciting 3rd quarter of 2015! First of all I'd like to congratulate all of you for being part of NIGP's Extra Large Chapter of the year for 2015. We could only achieve this because of you. It was so wonderful to have 36 RMGPA members from all over the state celebrate the special moment. A special thank you to the amazing leadership of our Past President, Kristen Spicola, and all of our volunteers. This was truly a group effort and an honor for all of us to be proud of. If you have not had the opportunity to experience Forum, we look forward to seeing you at National Harbor, MD next year.


Congratulations to the new CPPBs, Jackie Goodall, Boulder Valley School District and Vera Kennedy, Colorado Department of Human Services. Also good luck to those that are taking the CPPO and CPPB tests this October.

If you missed the Fall Conference and Reverse Vendor Trade Show, you missed great vendor relationship sessions by Lisa Premo, NIGP, and the largest RVTS yet! We had 22 agency booths and over 120 vendors attend. At one point during the RVTS, there were 3 or 4 vendors deep at each table making connections. This event allows us to continue to offer excellent professional development opportunities, networking connections, and scholarships for our members. We also added a new feature to the conference business meeting, you can now connect with us via Google Hangout. If you are interested in participating the Winter Conference Business meeting via Google Hangout, please email rmgapaprograms@gmail.com.

This winter we have a great conference planned in Colorado Springs. This will be held December 10-11th and the focus of the conference will be on RFPs and evaluations. We look forward to seeing you there to continue to make connections and increase your knowledge in public procurement.

Have a "Fabulous Fall" and don't forget to make connections with your peers, co-workers, and suppliers.

~ Molly



Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing

2015 FALL CONFERENCE and REVERSE VENDOR TRADE SHOW
September 11, 2015

Denver Police Protective Association Event Center
2105 Decatur Street, Denver, Colorado, 80211 - Phone: 312-733-1111

CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:30 am - 8:00 am
Conference Check-In and Continental Breakfast

8:00 am - 8:15 am
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Molly McLoughlin, CPPB, 2015 RMGPA President, Boulder Valley School District

NEW: If you would like to join the welcome and business meeting via Google Hangout, send an e-mail to rmgapaprograms@gmail.com by the end of the day September 9th and we will send you an invitation to join the meeting. You must have a g-mail account to participate.

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5. Mentor Program

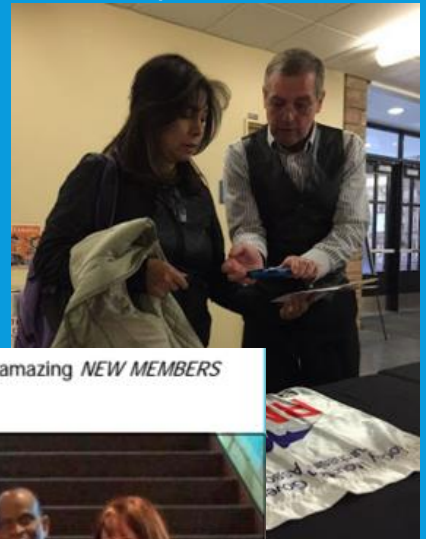
RMGPA leaders take considerable steps to:

- Mentor new members, young professionals, other NIGP chapter members, and local students using a variety of programs (i.e. speaking events, certification prep, knowledge sharing, and new member discounts and scholarships for classes).
- Continue to mentor members through a CPPB & CPPO certification support group and study materials.
- Provide ongoing guidance to mentor new Board members and Committee volunteers as they transition into leadership roles.

New Member Discounts & Scholarships



In 2014, RMGPA began offering New Member Discounts for Professional Development events. These discounts, in the amount of \$200 each, were offered to individuals who have been RMGPA members for less than twelve months. So far in 2015, Terrie Iacono from Jeffco Public Schools, Cindy Raiolo from City of Wheat Ridge and Kerry Sheahan from City of Longmont were each awarded a \$200.00 new member discount to attend the April Introduction to Procurement course. Additionally, Stacy Steelman from Auraria Higher Education Center was awarded a \$95.00 scholarship to attend the Spring Conference. To apply, please refer to the RMGPA Membership page.



The Board of Directors would like to extend a "Warm RMGPA Welcome" to the amazing **NEW MEMBERS** who attended the Spring Conference.



Cindy Raiolo, City of Wheat Ridge; Cynthia Gallegos, CDOT; Peter Avbenake, CDOT; Kerry Sheahan, City of Longmont; Helen Edde, Academy School District 20; Joshua Benn, State of Colorado DPA; Steve Waldman, CDOT (not shown)

II. EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT

6. Bonus: New or Innovative in Membership

- 2015 was the year for “Making Connections”. RMGPA committed itself to championing fun through membership. Exciting events were designed so members could connect professionally while enjoying the camaraderie at the same time.



Summer Conference



Winter Conference Cider Toast



2015 NIGP Forum
RMGPA Attendees



Ugly Sweater Contest

III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Administer NIGP Curriculum for Members

- 2015 saw sixteen professional development opportunities through RMGPA in addition to quarterly conferences that included additional professional development classes of their own.



Global Best Practices

Course Date	Registration Deadline	Course Title	Location
March 17-19, 2015	February 17, 2015	Intro to Public Procurement	St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont
March 23-24, 2015	February 23, 2015	CPPB Prep	Jefferson County, Golden
March 20-21, 2015	February 23, 2015	CPPB Prep	RTD, Denver
April 20-21, 2015	March 20, 2015	Contracting with Federal Funds/Grants "Advanced"	Jefferson County, Golden
May 11, 2015	March 20, 2015	Managing Your End Users and Suppliers: It's all About Relationships	Jefferson County, Golden
June 10, 2015	April 11, 2015	Developing and Managing RFP's for the Public Sector	Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs
June 23-25, 2015	May 10, 2015	Best Practices in Contract Administration	St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont
July 28-30, 2015	May 23, 2015	Fundamentals of Developing Public Construction Bid Documents	St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont
July 31, 2015	June 28, 2015	Legal Aspects of Public Procurement	RTD, Denver
August 17-18, 2015	June 30, 2015	Ethics: A Survival Kit for Public Procurement	Jefferson County, Golden
August 25-27, 2015	July 17, 2015	Sourcing in the Public Sector	St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont
TBD	July 25, 2015	Warehousing and Inventory Control	TBD
September 29-30 & October 1, 2015	August 29, 2015	Managing Risk in the Public Sector Contracts	St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont
October 20-21, 2015	September 20, 2015	Course currently not scheduled	St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont
November 5-6, 2015	October 5, 2015		Jefferson County, Golden
December			

Click on schedule for details

Below is a listing of the classes offered by Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Chapter of NIGP:

Topic	Date	City, State	Presenter
Introduction to Public Procurement	03/17/2015	Longmont, CO	Jodi S. Hart
CPPO PREP	03/19/2015	Denver, CO	Mark D. Hutchison
CPPB PREP	03/23/2015	Golden, CO	Mark D. Hutchison
Contracting with Federal Funds/Grants "Advanced"	04/20/2015	Golden, CO	Leslie Vallie

65% of members attended NIGP Classes and RMGPA events!



Contract Administration in the Public Sector Class

III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

More than half of members attended RMGPA events!

2. Hosted Events (Conferences, Trade Shows, and Reverse Trade Shows)

- RMGPA hosted four conferences, a Reverse Vendor Trade show and a Winter Trade show in 2015.


[Spring Conference Agenda](#) March 13, 2015

[Summer Conference Agenda](#) June 11-12, 2015

[Fall Conference Agenda](#) September 11, 2015

[Winter Conference Agenda](#) December 10-11, 2015

- 57% of membership attended events in 2015 and more than 155 vendors connected with membership in the RVTs and Winter Trade Show.


12/10/2015

RMGPA 2015 Vendor Exhibit Showcase

You're Invited!

REGISTER

Dear Ethan,

As a vendor registered on the Rocky Mountain Purchasing Group, you are invited to exhibit at the 2015 RMGPA Vendor Exhibit Showcase during our 2015 Winter Conference in Colorado Springs! Staff an exhibit booth, participate in a 1-on-1 exchange, network with member agencies, and see the keynote speaker.

Register today - space is limited and sponsorship opportunities are still available!

The Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) is a diverse, non-profit group of purchasing officers, agents, buyers, managers and others associated with public purchasing throughout Colorado and Wyoming. The Vendor Exhibit Showcase is designed give businesses the opportunity to showcase their products and services, as well as have the opportunity to network with member agencies. See below for more details on the upcoming event:

When: Thursday, December 10, 2015

Where: Embassy Suites Hotel (CS North)
7250 Commerce Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO


What: RMGPA Vendor Exhibit Showcase:
\$500 per exhibit booth
Event Format:
- 3:00pm-5:00pm | Vendor Exhibit
- 3:30pm-4:30pm | Agency 1-on-1 Exchange
- 4:00pm-5:30pm | Vendor-Agency Networking Social


Register today!

Any questions? Want to be a sponsor? For more information, please download our RMGPA 2015 Vendor Exhibit [brochure](#).

We look forward to seeing you in December.

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9/11/2015

RMGPA Fall Reverse Trade Show

You're Invited!

REGISTER

Dear Rany,

As a vendor registered on the Rocky Mountain Purchasing Group, you are invited to attend the Fall 2015 RMGPA Reverse Vendor Trade Show in Denver! Meet with over 40 local and state government agencies at our annual vendor trade show, where you get to visit each booth and talk directly with government purchasing professionals!

Register today - space is limited per session and a few sponsorships are still available.

The Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) is a diverse, non-profit group of purchasing officers, agents, buyers, managers and others associated with public purchasing throughout Colorado and Wyoming. Our Reverse Vendor Trade Shows are designed to give you a chance to speak directly with our members. See below for more details on the upcoming show.

When: Friday, September 11, 2015
(two sessions schedule 1-2:30pm & 3-4:30pm)

Where: PPA Event Center
2105 Decatur Street, Denver, CO


What: RMGPA Reverse Vendor Trade Show
Early Bird Special: \$175 before August 21st
Registration includes:
- Listing within brochure given to participating agencies
- One of two sessions to meet with all participating agencies
- Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Register today!

Any questions? Please download our RMGPA Reverse Trade Show [brochure](#).

We look forward to seeing you in September.

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III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Vendor Trade Show Participation up by 45%!

2. Hosted Events (continued)



Michael Asner presents at 2015 Spring Conference



2015 Reverse Vendor Trade Show



2015 RVTS- CDOT Booth



Vendor Tweet about 2015 Winter Trade Show

III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

3. Hosted Chapter Professional Development Opportunities (Click on schedule and email for details)



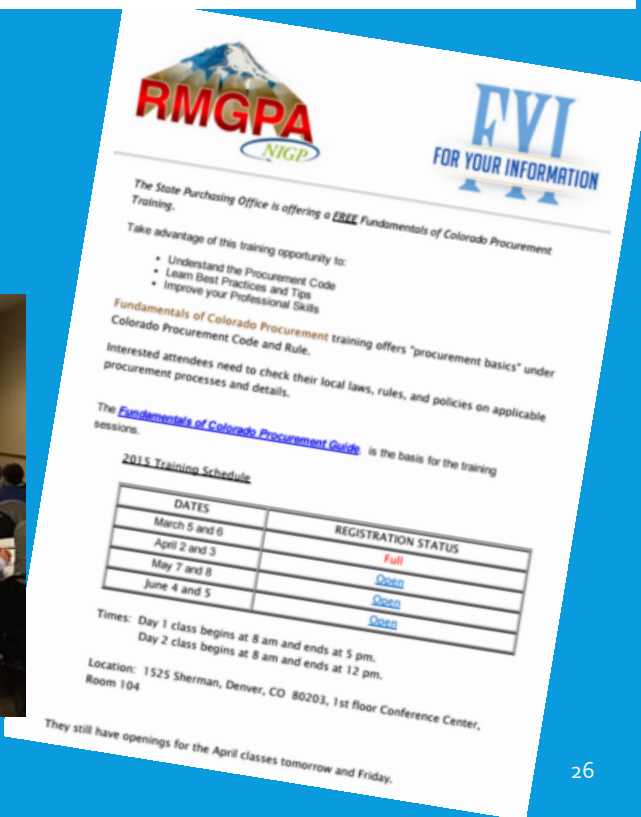
Customer Service by
Curt DeCapite,
RMGPA Lifetime Member



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May 11, 2015	April 11, 2015	Performance Measurement, Metrics & Mgmt Strategies	Jefferson County, Golden
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Global Best Practices by
Lisa Premo, NIGP



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The State Purchasing Office is offering a **FREE** Fundamentals of Colorado Procurement Training.

Take advantage of this training opportunity to:

- Understand the Procurement Code
- Learn Best Practices and Tips
- Improve your Professional Skills

Fundamentals of Colorado Procurement training offers "procurement basics" under Colorado Procurement Code and Rule.

Interested attendees need to check their local laws, rules, and policies on applicable procurement processes and details.

The Fundamentals of Colorado Procurement Guide is the basis for the training sessions.

2015 Training Schedule

DATES	REGISTRATION STATUS
March 5 and 6	Full
April 2 and 3	Open
May 7 and 8	Open
June 4 and 5	Open

Times: Day 1 class begins at 8 am and ends at 5 pm.
Day 2 class begins at 8 am and ends at 12 pm.



Location: 1525 Sherman, Denver, CO 80203, 1st floor Conference Center, Room 104

They still have openings for the April classes tomorrow and Friday.

III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

3. Hosted Chapter Professional Development Opportunities (Continued)

RMGPA provided an excellent opportunity for Members to purchase RFP resources at a discounted rate:

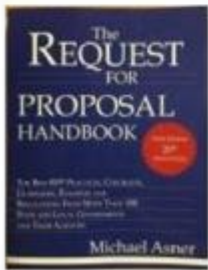


Good Afternoon:

As announced at the Spring Conference, RMGPA members may purchase Michael Asner's newest edition of The Request for Proposal Handbook for a limited time at the discounted price of \$55.00. This is a nearly 68% reduction on the typical selling price of \$170.00. To purchase, register by Monday, March 23rd at 11:59 p.m. The books will be delivered to one location and RMGPA will distribute the books to members.

Learn more about the book on Michael's [website](#).

Have a great week!

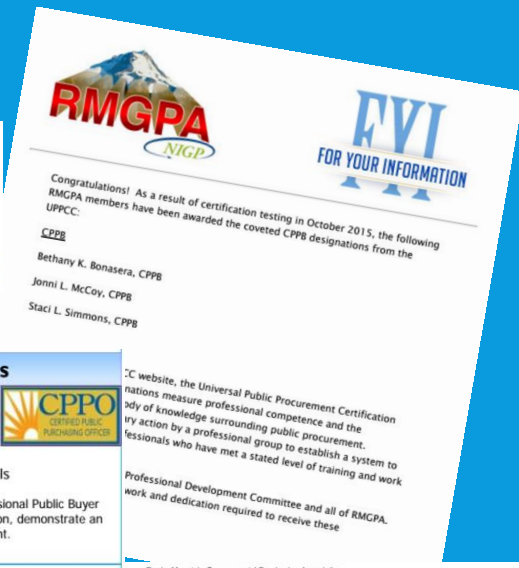


The Request for Proposal Handbook
11th Edition, Revised and
Reorganized from 2006, 2008, 2010
and 2012 Editions
by Michael Asner

III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4. Supported Certification through CPPB/CPPO Prep Classes, Study Groups, and Recognized New Certified Members

- RMGPA not only supports certification of CPPB & CPPO candidates but celebrates each certified member.



CPPB and CPPO Certifications

The following RMGPA members passed the October, 2014 UPPCC Exam and earned their professional designations:

Bethany Bonasera, CPPB, Adams County
Jonni McCoy, CPPB, City of Colorado Springs
Staci Simmons, CPPB, Adams 12 Five Star Schools

The coveted Certified Public Purchasing Officer (CPPO) and Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) credentials, recognized throughout the public procurement profession, demonstrate an individual's comprehensive knowledge of public procurement.

... website, the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council...
... nations measure professional competence and the body of knowledge surrounding public procurement...
... try action by a professional group to establish a system to recognize professionals who have met a stated level of training and work...
... Professional Development Committee and all of RMGPA...
... work and dedication required to receive these

RMGPA Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association

2015 SUMMER CONFERENCE
June 11-12, 2015
at Hotel Colorado
526 Pine Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, 81601

1:45 pm - 4:00 pm
Select-a-Session: Choose to either attend the CPPB/CPPO Review session (will take entire time block) or the Customer Service and Promoting Procurement sessions. An afternoon snack break will be offered from 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm.

OPTION 1
1:45 - 4:00 CPPB/CPPO Exam Review
Skeet McCracken, CPPO, CPPB, 2015 RMGPA Vice President, Poudre School District
Room: Tall Room

A session chalk-full of information to prepare for upcoming CPPO/CPPB exam flash drive to copy study materials to take home with you.

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CONGRATULATIONS NEW CPPO AND CPPB RECIPIENTS!

Congratulations! As a result of certification testing in May 2015, the following RMGPA members have been awarded the coveted CPPB designations from the UPPCC:

CPPB

Jacqueline R Goodall, CPPB - Boulder Valley School District
Vera Kennedy, CPPB - Colorado State Patrol

According to the UPPCC website, the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) Examinations measure professional competence and the understanding of the body of knowledge surrounding public procurement. Certification is a voluntary action by a professional group to establish a system to grant recognition to professionals who have met a stated level of training and work experience.

Congratulations from the Professional Development Committee and all of RMGPA. We acknowledge the hard work and dedication required to receive these certifications.

CPPO and CPPB Exam Dates

	SPRING EXAMINATIONS	FALL EXAMINATION
Application Submission Deadline	February 2, 2015	July 13, 2015
Application Submission Late Deadline	February 17, 2015	July 27, 2015
Exam Registration Deadline	March 30, 2015	September 8, 2015
Testing Dates	May 4-16, 2015	October 19-31, 2015

Good luck to those taking the CPPB/CPPO Exam in May!

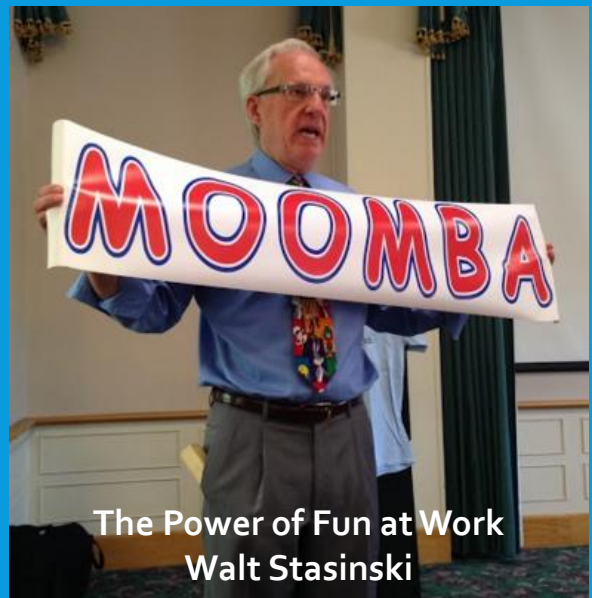
III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

5. Provided Speakers, Facilitators or Moderators at Procurement Related Events and Seminars, Including for NIGP

- Both local and NIGP speakers were on hand for RMGPA conference classes.



RFP Evaluation Panel
State of Colorado - Judy Giovanni
Sherri Gibson, and Challon Winer



The Power of Fun at Work
Walt Stasinski



Global Best Practices
Lisa Premo, NIGP



**Leadership Qualities Public
Professionals Need Now**
David Rabiner

III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



5. Provided Speakers, Facilitators or Moderators at Procurement Related Events and Seminars, Including for NIGP (continued)


- RMGPA members stepped up to volunteer as panelists and speakers at conferences, NIGP Webinars, and at the 2015 NIGP Forum.



Molly McLoughlin & Jerel Nielsen
2015 NIGP Forum Speakers
"K-12 Conversations That Connect"

Additional Guest Panelists

	
<p>Skeet McCracken, CPPO, CPPB Senior Buyer Poudre School Dist. R-1, CO Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA)</p>	<p>Valerie Scott, CPPB Procurement Specialist City of Longmont, CO Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA)</p>

 Procurement. It's everywhere.

Keith Ashby
2015 NIGP Forum Speaker
"Show Me the Money"
Financials Review



III. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Free Classes!

6. Bonus: New or Innovative in Education and Professional Development

- RMGPA partnered with the State of Colorado to offer free classes in the Fundamentals in Colorado Procurement taught by RMGPA and NIGP member, Christine Weber.

Fundamentals of Colorado Procurement Training

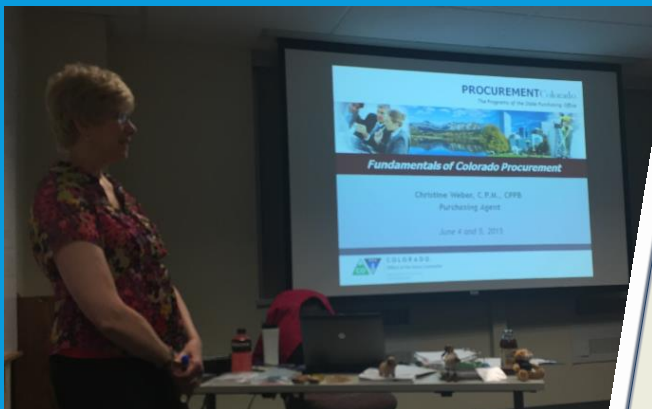
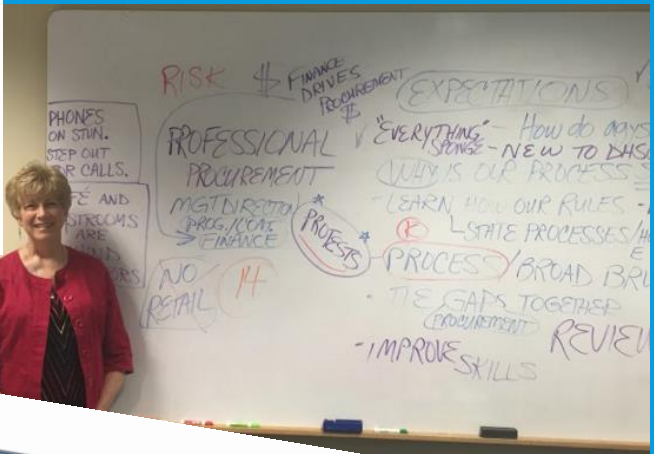
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Christine Weber
State Purchasing Office



IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

1. Monitored and Reported Legislative Updates and Had a Positive Influence

- RMGPA Legislative Committee continually monitors and reports on any updates on legislation that affects public procurement in the State of Colorado.
- Our Legislative Committee has the opportunity to send feedback from members to State Representatives.
(Click on image for details)

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Legislative Committee Update

2015 COLORADO BILLS AND STATUS—For more detailed information on a specific bill or for access to Live Legislative Audio, please go to the Colorado General Assembly site at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/>.

HB 15-1213—CONCERNING CLARIFICATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

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03/04/2015 House Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Refer Unamended to House Committee of the Whole

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Bill Summary—Currently, public entities in construction-related contracts are prohibited from being indemnified for the public entity's own negligence. The bill clarifies this provision by specifying that: It also applies to a design contract and to an obligation to pay for the defense of the public entity; The contractor's obligation is limited to the amount of negligence attributable to the contractor and its agents, representatives, subcontractors, and suppliers; and The obligation only arises when the amount of its liability for the losses of the third party are adjudicated.

02/26/2015 House Committee on Judiciary Refer Amended to House Committee of the Whole

SB15-107—CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS UNDER THE COLORADO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Bill Summary—Pursuant to the bill, if another is deemed to be an independent contractor and a servant exists, unemployment insurance and employment tax liability of the service. The bill is intended to be to the satisfaction of the contractor.

01/23/2015 Introduced in House

2015 Legislative Summary as of June 5, 2015


SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR:

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IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS IN THE PROFESSION

2. Held a Successful Community Service or Grassroots Effort That Significantly Increased the Visibility of the Procurement Profession

- In its commitment to give back to the community, RMGPA coordinated two donation drives. Advocate Safe House was the recipient of our Summer Conference drive and the Southeast Baptist Food Pantry benefited from the drive at Winter Conference.

2015 Summer Conference: RMGPA Gives Back!



"The Advocate Safehouse Project's mission is to promote healthy relationships free from violence through education, advocacy, empowerment and safehousing."

Join RMGPA and donate to a good local cause, the Advocate Safehouse Project in Glenwood Springs. Donations may be deposited in collection boxes at the conference registration table. Visit www.advocatesafehouse.org for more information.

~Donation Wish List~

Please consider donating any of the following items. A collection box will be located by the conference registration table. Please include your name and address with the donated items.

- Laundry detergent
- NEW full-size bottles of shampoo & conditioner
- NEW bars of soap or body wash
- NEW deodorants
- NEW hair brushes
- Tooth brushes & tooth paste
- Disposable razors
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers and baby wipes
- Phone cards
- Gift cards: City Market, Safeway, Wal-Mart & Target
- Journals - books with blank pages
- Old cell phones (with chargers, no other accessories please)

2015 RMGPA Winter Conference - Community Outreach Project


Holiday Food Drive

All donations will support the Southeast Baptist Food Pantry in Colorado Springs, CO

Please bring the following donated food items during the 2015 RMGPA Winter Conference

December 10-11, 2015:

- Boxed dry food items
- Canned goods
- Non perishable Holiday meal type items (ex. stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, boxed mashed potatoes, etc)



Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association

2015 SUMMER CONFERENCE
June 11-12, 2015
at
Hotel Colorado
526 Pine Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, 81601

RMGPA Gives Back!
Advocate Safehouse Project: At the conference, we will collect items for the Advocate Safehouse Project in Glenwood Springs. Donations will be delivered after the conference. See separate flyer for more details.





IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS IN THE PROFESSION



3. Held a Chapter-Sponsored Procurement Month Activity or Event

- As part of our Purchasing Month celebration we had a special video and message with Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper: <https://youtu.be/qrWPOmViN3M>
- RMGPA worked to get March recognized as National Purchasing Month in Colorado with a Governor's Proclamation
- Various celebrations also took place throughout RMGPA and in our March Newsletter



March is National Purchasing Month!

We have several events showcasing procurement professionals sharing best practices and knowledge as well as participating in key training sessions.

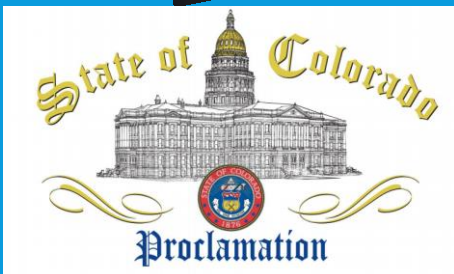
March has been the focal point of the RMGPA Spring Conference held in Greeley on March 13th, the State of Colorado's Procurement Expo, held in Denver on March 9th, NIGP sponsored classes, and several agency celebrations around the state. This month also serves to celebrate and recognize the work we all have accomplished during the past year.

Gov. John Hickenlooper issued the 2015 proclamation to recognize March as National Purchasing month, in conjunction with the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) and other public purchasing and contracting organizations across the country that recognize outstanding public purchasing and contracting professionals each year.

Purchasing professionals throughout RMGPA promote sound practices in purchasing and contracting, and offer thousands of vendors and contractors access to open and competitive business opportunities.

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Molly McLoughlin
RMGPA President
[March 2015 Governors Proclamation](#)



IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS IN THE PROFESSION

3. Held a Chapter-Sponsored Procurement Month Activity or Event (continued)

- The State of Colorado Proclamation and RMGPA video with Governor John Hickenlooper: <https://youtu.be/qrWPOmViN3M> was also featured on NIGP's Website.



IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS IN THE PROFESSION

4. Forged a Partnership with a Non-Traditional Partner (i.e. Other Professional Associations, Municipal Associations, Non-Profit Organizations, etc.)

- RMGPA established a relationship with Zunesis to provide updated technology that helped to enhance Chapter operations.



- The State of Colorado Purchasing Office and RMGPA worked together to advertise and bring **free procurement training** to membership.

Fundamentals of Colorado Procurement Training

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Almost \$50,000 for scholarships!

4. Forged a Partnership with a Non-Traditional Partner (continued)

- RMGPA utilized local e-procurement platform, [Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System \(BidNet\)](#), to advertise and invite vendors to participate in the annual Reverse Vendor Trade Show and Winter Trade Show.
- Vendor participation in both events increased by 50% and brought \$49,790 into the chapter for scholarship opportunities, a 48% increase over the previous year.



12/10/2015

RMGPA 2015 Vendor Exhibit Showcase

REGISTER

Dear Ethan,

As a vendor registered on the Rocky Mountain Purchasing Group, you are invited to exhibit at the 2015 RMGPA Vendor Exhibit Showcase during our 2015 Winter Conference in Colorado Springs! Staff an exhibit booth, participate in a 1-on-1 exchange, network with member agencies, and see the keynote speaker.

Register today! - space is limited and sponsorship opportunities are still available!

The Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) is a diverse, non-profit group of purchasing officers, agents, buyers, managers and others associated with public purchasing throughout Colorado and Wyoming. The Vendor Exhibit Showcase is designed give businesses the opportunity to showcase their products and services, as well as have the opportunity to network with member agencies. See below for more details on the upcoming event.

When: Thursday, December 10, 2015
Where: Embassy Suites Hotel (CS North)
 7200 Commerce Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO
What: RMGPA Vendor Exhibit Showcase: \$500 per exhibit booth

Event Format:


- 3:00pm-5:00pm | Vendor Exhibit
- 3:30pm-4:30pm | Agency 1-on-1 Exchange
- 4:00pm-5:30pm | Vendor-Agency Networking Social

Register today!

Any questions? Want to be a sponsor? For more information, please download our RMGPA 2015 Vendor Exhibit [brochure](#).

We look forward to seeing you in December.

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www.rmgpa.org



9/11/2015

RMGPA Fall Reverse Trade Show

REGISTER

You're Invited!

Dear Ethan,

As a vendor registered on the Rocky Mountain Purchasing Group, you are invited to attend the *Fall 2015 RMGPA Reverse Vendor Trade Show* in Denver! Meet with over 40 local and state government agencies at our annual vendor trade show, where you get to visit each booth and talk directly with government purchasing professionals!

Register today! - space is limited per session and a few sponsorships are still available.

The Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) is a diverse, non-profit group of purchasing officers, agents, buyers, managers and others associated with public purchasing throughout Colorado and Wyoming. Our Reverse Vendor Trade Shows are designed to give you a chance to speak directly with our members. See below for more details on the upcoming show:

When: Friday, September 11, 2015
 (two sessions schedule 1-2:30pm & 3-4:30pm)
Where: PPA Event Center
 2105 Decatur Street, Denver, CO
What: RMGPA Reverse Vendor Trade Show
 Early Bird Special: \$175 before August 21st

Registration includes:


- Listing within brochure given to participating agencies
- One of two sessions to meet with all participating agencies
- Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

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Any questions? Please download our RMGPA Reverse Trade Show [brochure](#).

We look forward to seeing you in September.

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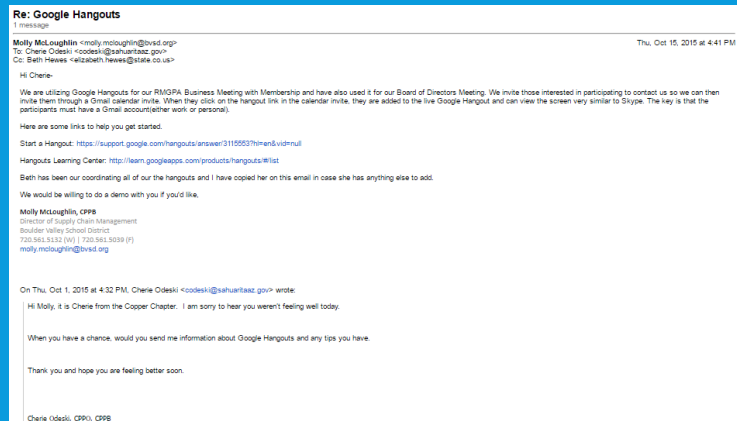
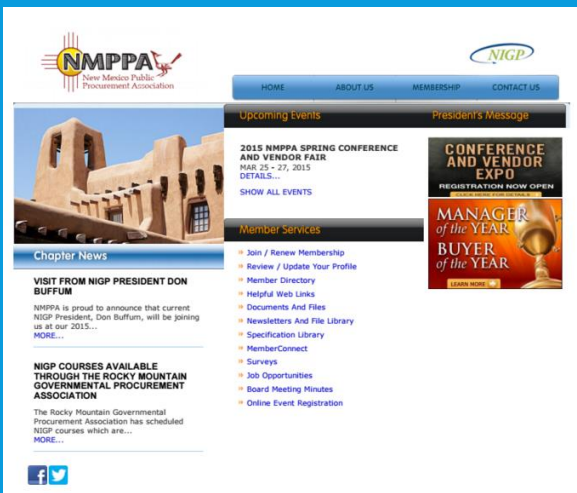




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5. Collaborated with Another NIGP Chapter or Other Procurement Association

- 2015 saw a collaboration with other NIGP chapters in many ways including Google Hangouts, presentations, classes, and CPPO/CPPB preparation materials to name a few. (Click on images for details)



Leaders in the Loop

1 message

Jennifer Steffan <JSteffan@nigp.org>
 To: "chapter@dmec.org" <chapter@dmec.org>
 Cc: Chapter Ambassadors <ChapterAmbassadors@nigp.org>

Thu, Nov 19, 2015 at 8:10 PM

Leadership Development Symposium Registration – is still open. If you have not sent in a registration for a leader of your chapter to come the February 4-6, 2016 Symposium there are still spots available! I know many of you have not held your elections but let me know if you plan on sending someone and we will hold a spot for you. There are a few possible subsidies still available to waive the registration fee if your chapter needs the assistance.

<http://nsite.nigp.org/leadershipsymposium/registration1>

NIGP SparX Conference – Mark your calendar and join fellow colleagues March 16-18 for a conference based on the highly rated workshops presented at the Kansas City Forum in August. The event runs from the afternoon on Wednesday to noon on Friday offering 14 non-accredited contact hours. Feel free to share this link with your chapter members and get registered today! <http://nsite.nigp.org/sparx/home>

Chapter Education Schedule – Has your chapter planned your 2016 NIGP class schedule? Now is the time to survey your members to see what classes they are interested in taking? Check out this link to find a sample survey and all the information you need to host an NIGP class.

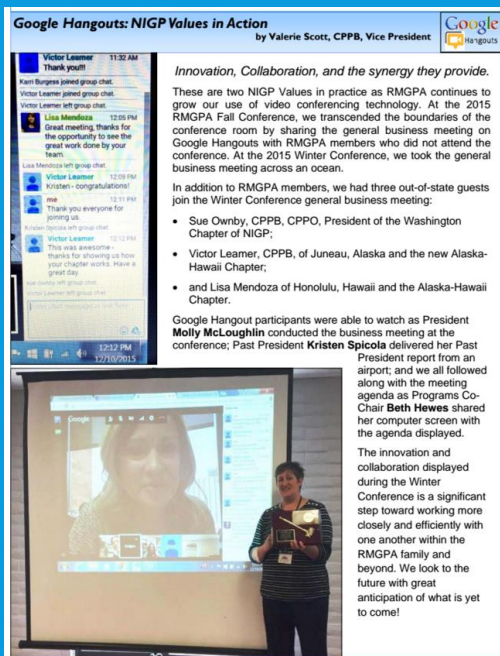
http://www.nigp.org/web/StartPage.aspx?Site=NIGP&webcode=abt-host_seminars

Local College Connections – Is your chapter trying to make connections with local Colleges and Universities? The Rocky Mountain Chapter has done just that. I have attached a presentation they recently gave at CSU on Public Procurement. Way to go RMGPA!

IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

5. Collaborated with Another NIGP Chapter or Other Procurement Association (continued)

- RMGPA is continually looking for new and innovative ways to use technology to connect with members and other NIGP Chapters.
- We began using Google Hangouts in early 2015 for Board meetings. We have since transitioned to using this free video conferencing platform as a regular part of our conference Business Meetings to give members who can't attend the opportunity to participate.
- We successfully expanded this revolutionary option and invited other NIGP Chapters to join a meeting to learn how to use Google Hangouts to expand their membership. The NIGP chapters from Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii joined us in December for a trial at Winter Conference. (click on the article to expand)



Google Hangouts: NIGP Values in Action
by Valerie Scott, CPPB, Vice President

Innovation, Collaboration, and the synergy they provide.

These are two NIGP Values in practice as RMGPA continues to grow our use of video conferencing technology. At the 2015 RMGPA Fall Conference, we transcended the boundaries of the conference room by sharing the general business meeting on Google Hangouts with RMGPA members who did not attend the conference. At the 2015 Winter Conference, we took the general business meeting across an ocean.

In addition to RMGPA members, we had three out-of-state guests join the Winter Conference general business meeting:

- Sue Ownby, CPPB, CPPO, President of the Washington Chapter of NIGP;
- Victor Lesamer, CPPB, of Juneau, Alaska and the new Alaska-Hawaii Chapter;
- and Lisa Mendoza of Honolulu, Hawaii and the Alaska-Hawaii Chapter.

Google Hangout participants were able to watch as President **Molly McLoughlin** conducted the business meeting at the conference; Past President **Kristen Spicola** delivered her Past President report from an airport; and we all followed along with the meeting agenda as Programs Co-Chair **Beth Hewes** shared her computer screen with the agenda displayed.

The innovation and collaboration displayed during the Winter Conference is a significant step toward working more closely and efficiently with one another within the RMGPA family and beyond. We look to the future with great anticipation of what is yet to come!



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Hi RMGPA Members-

If you are not attending the Winter Conference this year, join us for the business meeting via Google Hangout! The business meeting will be Thursday December 10, 2015 11:30 am - 12:00pm, MST.

If you would like to join the business meeting via Google Hangouts, please send an e-mail to rmgpaprograms@gmail.com by the end of the day December 9, 2015 and we will send you an invitation to join the meeting. You must have a Google account to participate.

Happy Holidays!
Programs Committee

Google Hangouts connects RMGPA and NIGP Chapters!



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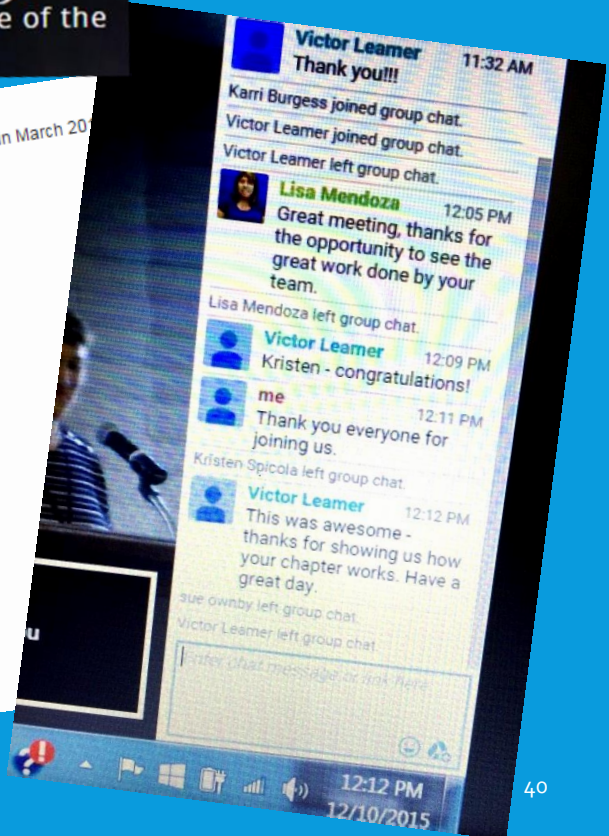
- Because of their experience with RMGPA and Google Hangouts, Alaska and Hawaii are now considering using this platform to start their own NIGP Chapter.



On Wed, Sep 23, 2015 at 5:39 PM, Ownby, Sue <Sue.Ownby@yakimawa.gov> wrote:
 Hello Beth,
 I spoke with the board and they are very interested in participating in your Celebration of Recovery in March 2015.
 You mentioned the dates March 11 & 18. Is there two sessions, or did I write it down incorrectly?
 We are going to try and get a group together at our State Department of Purchasing.
 Please forward me any other details that you have, when you get them.
 Thank you for thinking of us!
 Sue
 Washington Chapter President

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IV. EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY FOR MEMBERS AND THE PROFESSION

6. **BONUS: New or Innovative in Advocacy**

- RMGPA had the distinct honor of sitting down for an interview with Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper for March is Procurement Month!
- Watch the video at: <https://youtu.be/qrWPOmViN3M>

Thank You Governor Hickenlooper!

RMGPA would like to send a special thank you to Governor John Hickenlooper; Beth Hewes, RMGPA Programs Committee; Denise Stepto, Deputy Communications Director for Governor John Hickenlooper; Anita Dill, Communications Manager at State of Colorado Governor's Office of Information Technology; and Nehemiah Slemons, Video Production Specialist at State of Colorado Governor's Office of Information Technology, for volunteering their time for the coordination and production of our video celebrating March is Purchasing Month.



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An interview with the Governor!

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CFC NIGP and 1 other Retweeted

Rick Grimm @RickGrimm · 18 Mar 2015
#NIGP salutes its Colorado Chapter #RMGPA in getting their Gov on the tube to proclaim Procurement Month youtu.be/qrWPOmViN3M

RMGPA & Colorado Governor Hickenlooper
Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association President Molly McLoughlin interview with Governor John Hickenlooper on National Purchasing Month.
[youtube.com](https://youtu.com)

5 retweets, 8 likes



V. EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE

1. Created a Formal Engagement/Partnership with a Higher-Ed Program

- An RMGPA member's presentation titled "What is Public Procurement" offered a Colorado State University Business class a peek into what we do.
- This presentation was also shared with other NIGP Chapters through Leaders in the Loop. (Click here for a [link to the presentation](#))



What is Public Procurement?

• Purchasing has been defined as buying the right goods, at the right time, at the right price, in the right quantity and of the right quality.

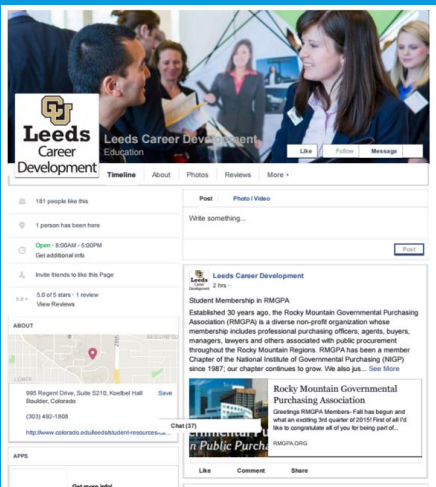
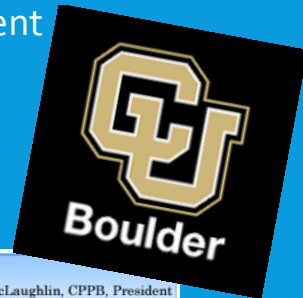
• Simply put, public procurement is the contracting and acquisition of the goods and services required to sustain society and its way of life.
• And no two days are alike!



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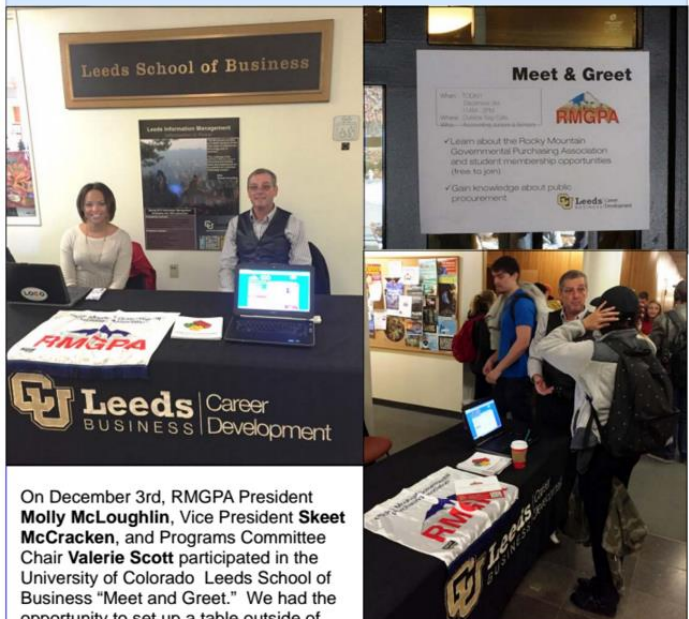
1. Created a Formal Engagement/Partnership with a Higher-Ed Program (continued)

- University of Colorado Leeds School of Business invited RMGPA to participate in a Meet and Greet program with Management students.



Meet and Greet at CSU Leeds School of Business

Submitted by Molly McLaughlin, CPPB, President



On December 3rd, RMGPA President **Molly McLoughlin**, Vice President **Skeet McCracken**, and Programs Committee Chair **Valerie Scott** participated in the University of Colorado Leeds School of Business "Meet and Greet." We had the opportunity to set up a table outside of their library/coffee shop to meet and greet management students to tell them about public procurement. This was a great event promoting public procurement, RMGPA and attempting to reach as many students as possible about the profession and student membership in RMGPA.



Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association

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 Leeds School of Business | University of Colorado Boulder
 Re: Student Membership in RMGPA
 Rockwell S2110 | Tel: 303-492-8179
ecire.barronrough@colorado.edu | <http://colorado.edu/leeds/career>

Re: Student Membership in RMGPA

Dear Ecire:

Established 30 years ago, the Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) is a diverse non-profit organization whose membership includes professional purchasing officers, agents, buyers, managers, lawyers and others associated with public procurement throughout the Rocky Mountain Region. RMGPA has been a member Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) since 1987; our chapter continues to grow. We also just recently won the Chapter of the Year Award for Extra Large Chapters at the NIGP Forum in Kansas City, MO.

We would like to add another dimension to our membership, Student Associate Members. A Student Associate Member will be a full time high school or college student with an interest in Marketing, Business, Construction, Paralegal or Contract Law with the possibility of a career in Public Procurement. The Student Associate Members will be invited to attend RMGPA conferences and use the organization as an educational and career resource. Membership in RMGPA will be an excellent enhancement to the Student Associate's resume for future employment opportunities in both college and career planning.

We would like to offer Associate Memberships to some of your most qualified students. As a requirement and prerequisite, we would like for the student to be immersed in a professional course in Local or State Government, Business, Management, Marketing, or Law. We also welcome students who have an interest in technical and administrative careers. They should have good communication skills, be cooperative, have a heart for helping people. At the end of the day, this is the goal of Public Procurement.

We hope that you will discuss this awesome opportunity with those students who meet the above described profile and whom you think will greatly benefit from membership in RMGPA. Please let us know if you have further questions or comments. For further information, please contact Pat O'Neal at 303-757-9399 or Skeet McCracken at 970-490-5438. Also, please visit our website at www.rmgpa.org.

Thank you,

Skeet McCracken
 Pouder School District
 RMGPA Vice President

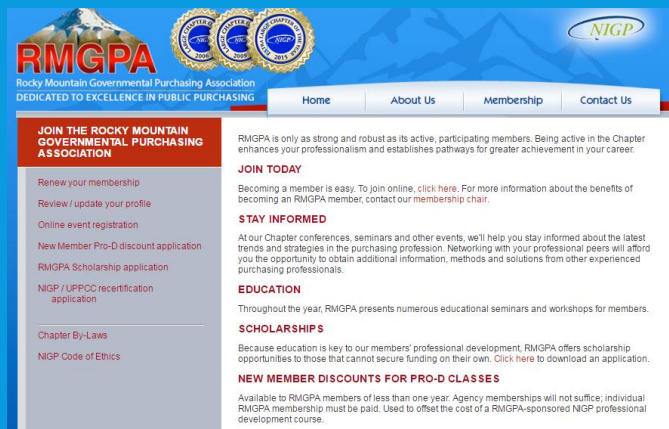
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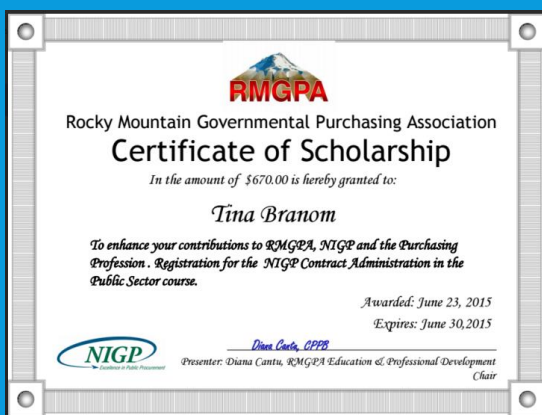
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2. Offered a Scholarship Program That Provided Financial Assistance to Chapter Members

- RMGPA offers three distinctly different scholarships opportunities to members for professional development.



1. New Member Professional Development Discount. \$200 discount towards a class for New Members.
 - [Application Link](#)
2. RMGPA Scholarship. 100% of the cost of class.
 - [Application Link](#)





V. EXCELLENCE IN INSPIRING PROCUREMENT FOR THE FUTURE

2. Offered a Scholarship Program That Provided Financial Assistance to Chapter Members (continued)


- 3. Rewards. \$200/ea. for members who are active in the chapter and volunteer on committees or in another capacity for RMGPA or NIGP.

- [Application Link](#)



RMGPA Wants to Reward YOU!



RMGPA's Rewards Program was established to reward RMGPA members who actively participate in the Chapter and the activities organized, hosted or sponsored by NIGP. Rewards in the amount of \$200 will be awarded to provide RMGPA members additional education and professional development opportunities and NIGP certification assistance.

Only one reward per member per year may be awarded and rewards are non-transferable to other members. The reward **must be used by December 31, 2015**. You must be a paid member of RMGPA for at least one year and are ineligible to apply if you received a reward in 2014. Eligible points are for activities participated in during 2014.

Rewards can be used for **CPFB/CPPO Classes, CPFB/CPPO Test Application, RMGPA Sponsored NIGP Courses, RMGPA Conferences, NIGP Forum Registration or any approved NIGP function.** Rewards cannot be used to cover lodging, meals or travel expenses.

To apply, please complete the application document along with supporting documentation and email or fax back to Kristen Spicola, CPFB, RMGPA Past President by **Friday, February 20, 2015**. RMGPA's Board of Directors will consider applications for approval at the February 25th Special Session. Awardees will be notified promptly so rewards can be used for March events.

Please contact me with any questions. I encourage each and every member to apply. Rewards are limited.

[RMGPA Rewards Application - Form Fill](#)

Kristen J. Spicola, CPFB
RMGPA Past President



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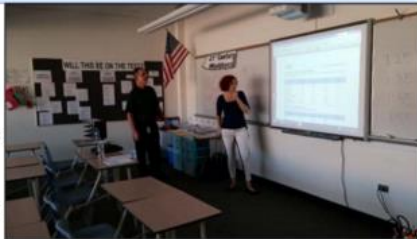
3. Chapter Attended Career Fairs, Made “Procurement as a Profession” Presentation, or Created Outreach to a Specific Audience

- Understanding the importance of inspiring students, RMGPA not only participated in events at Colorado State University and University of Colorado but also presented to students at Fort Collins High School on career opportunities in public procurement.

A Future in Public Procurement?

Submitted by Skeet McCracken, CPPO, CPPB, Vice President

Terra Thiebaut, the DECA Advisor at Fort Collins High School, invited RMGPA Vice President **Skeet McCracken** to join a class session at Fort Collins High School on September 24, 2015 to discuss careers in public purchasing. About ten students involved in DECA attended the fifty minute classroom session to learn more about public procurement opportunities. Along with Skeet McCracken,



CPPO and CPPB, Senior Buyer for Poudre School District, **Ed Bonnette**, CPPB, Senior Buyer for the City of Fort Collins, and **Jill Wilson**, Buyer for the City of Fort Collins presented specific examples of work-related scenarios and attributes entailed to be successful in spearheading procurement activities within an organization. Some students inquired about the specific roles/

responsibilities of a buyer within a public organization. Salary and benefit information was also shared with the students. They were encouraged to take business-related courses in college and pursue CPPB/CPPO certifications to maximize their efforts in pursuing a career in this growing field.

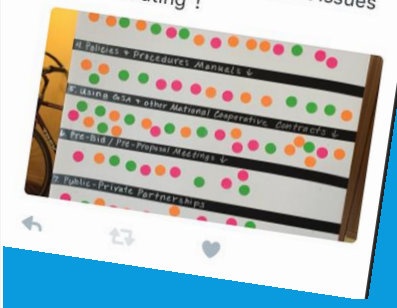
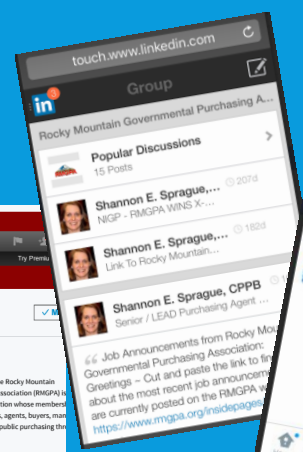
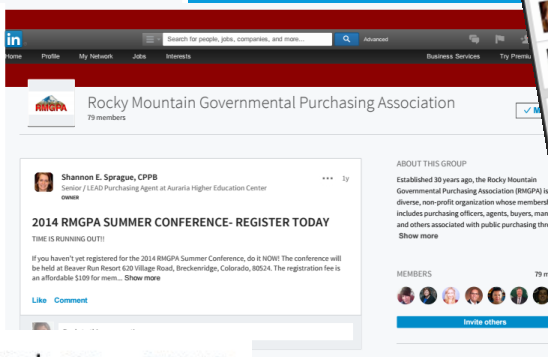
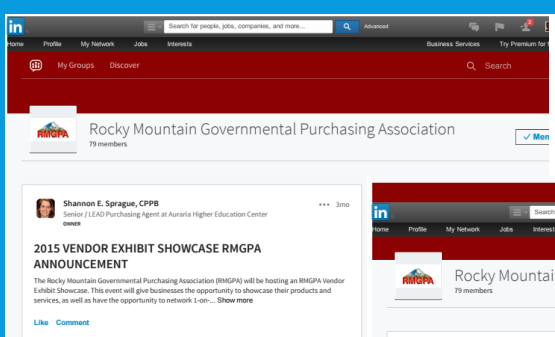
What a great opportunity for these students!



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4. Utilized Social Media As a Form of Outreach and Communication

- RMGPA uses LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook to not only connect with members and vendors but to also celebrate successes.



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5. Created an Internship and/or Work-Study Program

- Our first RMGPA Student Brochure has created internship and work-study opportunities. RMGPA helps to match student interests with member agency opportunities.



ABOUT US

Established in 1961, the Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) is a diverse non-profit organization whose membership includes purchasing officers, agents, buyers, managers and others associated with public procurement throughout Colorado and Wyoming. RMGPA is a regional member Chapter of NIGP (The National Institute for Governmental Purchasing). We provide members with the education, professional development and technical assistance required to ensure the public trust through the promotion of excellence and effectiveness in public procurement.

OUR VALUES

- Excellence & Professionalism
- Ethical Behavior & Integrity
- Continuing Education & Certification
- Sharing & Collaboration
- Leadership Development
- Outreach Inclusionism & Diversity
- Best Procurement Value
- Expertise, Innovation and Technology
- Establishing a Welcoming and Friendly Environment
- Making the Profession Meaningful & Relevant




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CHOOSING PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AS A CAREER
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WHAT IS PUBLIC PROCUREMENT?

Simply put, public procurement is the contracting and acquisition of the goods and services required to sustain society and its way of life. How do roads become roads? How are parks, schools, libraries, and water treatment facilities established and maintained? What is needed for research to be conducted at state universities? How does a community provide for emergency response to natural or man-made catastrophes?

At every level of society and every entity of government, there is evidence of the public procurement profession.

Public procurement professionals:

- » Ensure public business is conducted in a fair, open, and transparent manner.
- » Identify the best winning method for public contracts.
- » Help build public trust in government spending and provide an efficient, responsible government by protecting the tax payer's dollar.
- » Identify and implement sustainable practices in the government process.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

An undergraduate degree in business, public administration, or related courses of study provides an excellent background for a career in public procurement. Your commitment to ethics, personal integrity, strong problem solving skills and an eagerness to serve, be challenged, and grow professionally is a winning combination for long term success.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The baby boom generation is ready for retirement and governments and public entities at all levels will experience the impact. According to an October 2007 research study by the National Association of State Procurement Officials, the percentage of government workers over 45 years old is 44.6% versus 31.2% in the private sector.

COMPENSATION

Compensation varies depending on factors like specific responsibilities, duties, size and location of the entity, individual experience and education background.




GET INVOLVED!

Student membership with RMGPA is open to high school and full-time college students interested in exploring a career in public procurement. Public procurement includes federal, state, county, municipal, and public school systems, colleges, universities, commissions, authorities, and any other political subdivisions of the state. Student membership is a free. All you have to do is join.

Student Member Benefits:

- » Connect with public procurement professionals
- » Networking in person and online
- » Discounted registration to attend RMGPA conferences and educational events
- » Job board
- » Quarterly newsletter
- » Volunteer opportunities
- » Internship opportunities

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5. Created an Internship and/or Work-Study Program (continued)

- RMGPA's first Student Member, Jennifer Guzman, is currently completing an internship with the Colorado Department of Transportation.



Jennifer Guzman - Student Member



Jennifer is a Miami, Florida native who packed her bags and moved to the Rocky Mountain region just five days after graduating from the University of Florida with her degree in Business Management. Jennifer was first introduced to the government purchasing process by navigating the Bids and Proposals system to help her parent's small business. She later went on to prepare and process Quotes, Bids and Proposals for a national company offering a wide variety of services.

Jennifer is currently a second-year law student at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. She joined the Colorado Department of Transportation in September 2015 as a Legal Intern in the Center for Procurement and Contract Services where she assists in the administration of contracts, researches applicable laws and regulations for contract development, and helps coordinate long-term CDOT projects. Outside of work, her interests include spontaneous road trips, Harry Potter trivia, cupcakes, and the Denver Broncos.

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6. Bonus: Innovation in Inspiring Procurement for the Future

- RMGPA is devoted to bridging the generation gap in an effort to connect with future RMGPA and public procurement members. 2015 was filled with inspiring presentations and opportunities including speaking at universities, introducing high school students to RMGPA, creating a student membership brochure, recruiting our first student member and navigating social media.

The Future of RMGPA Lies with Us!





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OUR VALUES

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- Fiscal Integrity & Transparency
- Ongoing Education & Certification
- Working in Collaboration
- Leadership Development
- Member Satisfaction & Loyalty
- Best Procurement Value
- Regulatory Innovation and Technology
- Building a High-Performing and Sustainable Organization
- Making the Procurement Process Work for Everyone

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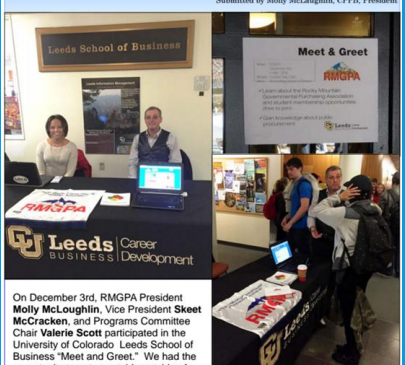
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 *And no two days are alike!

Meet and Greet at CSU Leeds School of Business
 Submitted by Molly McLaughlin, CPPB, President



On December 3rd, RMGPA President Molly McLaughlin, Vice President Skeet McCracken, and Programs Committee Chair Valerie Scott participated in the University of Colorado, Leeds School of Business "Meet and Greet." We had the opportunity to set up a table outside of their library/coffee shop to meet and greet management students to tell them about public procurement. This was a great event promoting public procurement, RMGPA and attempting to reach as many students as possible about the profession and student membership in RMGPA.





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THANK YOU



Thank you for considering RMGPA as the 2016 NIGP Extra Large Chapter of the year.

RMGPA is truly a family of procurement professionals committed to making connections, sharing information, mentoring new professionals, and continually looking for opportunities to improve the Chapter and the profession for the good of all members and public procurement.

- Past President, Molly McLoughlin, CPPB