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A MESSAGE
FROM OUR
PRESIDENT

Greetings,

We have several upcoming events. I strongly encourage everyone to attend our quarterly meeting on Thursday, May 10th. Darren Hickman from GSA will be on hand to educate us on the GSA schedules and how local governments can take advantage of this program. I am very excited about this program.

Also coming up is the Lone Star Regional Purchasing Conference to be held in San Antonio beginning May 16, 2007.

I would like to also mention that the Chapter does offer scholarships to attend conferences, educational events, and testing that is Purchasing related. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please complete the form included in this newsletter.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Sara Hoglund, CPPB

Collin County

DFW NIGP Chapter President



May 10, 2007
QUARTERLY MEETING
& Educational Event

Guest speaker

Mr. Darren Hickman
GSA Customer Service Director
On

"General Services
Administrative
Schedules"

GSA Advantage!

As Central Texas Director, Mr. Hickman is the local authority for Federal contract schedules. If you are currently using any GSA schedules or have been afraid to venture behind the veil of the seemingly forbidden, take *Advantage!* of this opportunity to get it straight from the Fed.

**NIGP DFW Chapter
Quarterly Meeting
May 10, 2007
Westin Hotel DFW
12:00—4:00**

4550 West John Carpenter Freeway
Irving, TX 75063
Direct 972-510-2421
Fax 972-510-2471

12:00-1:00 Business Meeting/Lunch
1:00-4:00 Guest Speaker:
Mr. Darren Hickman

\$25.00 Inclusive

**Please RSVP by Friday
May 4, 2007
Steve Cole**

(817) 788-7018 or scole@ci.hurst.tx.us

**RSVP's are firm
The Chapter is responsible for pay-
ment of the meal**

Earn 1/2 point for this 4 hour seminar

Includes Hot luncheon:

- ◆ Southwestern Grilled Chicken with sautéed peppers, onions, ranchero sauce and shredded jack cheese
- ◆ Garden Salad with Choice of Dressing
- ◆ Spanish Rice
- ◆ Seasoned Vegetable Medley
- ◆ Warm Rolls with Butter
- ◆ Tropical Fruit Tart
- ◆ Iced Tea, Water, Coffee and Decaf-
feinated Coffee

Alternate lunches available upon request. Invoices available upon request.

Workshop + Lunch = NIGP Points

Special rate of \$25.00

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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

When your agency joins NIGP, you connect with procurement professionals from cities, states, counties, colleges, hospitals, airports, and other public agencies. As a member, you enjoy significant benefits, including Discounts, Education, Resources, Professional Services and Publications. **NIGP National Members benefit** from substantial discounts on all NIGP seminars and conferences as well as key services and products. Become a National Member and help to support the NIGP DFW Spring 2008 Conference. **Dues are coming up.** This is a great time to renew your membership and if you are not currently a National member, take advantage of these additional benefits. For questions on Chapter Membership or dues, contact Tina Murphy: tmurphy@mckinneytexas.org.

Current DFW Chapter Membership:

- ◆ 89 Members
- ◆ WELCOME 23 New Members from Dart

Save the dates.....

Chapter meetings for 2007 will be:

Thursday, August 23, 2007

Thursday, November 15, 2007

March Purchasing Month

For Purchasing Month.....

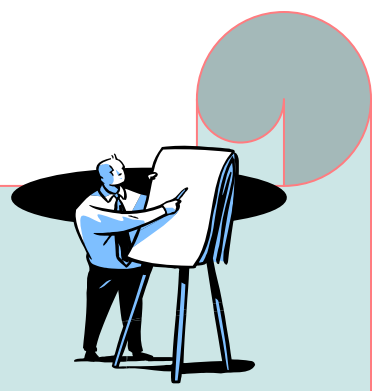
The **City of McKinney** held an Open House with 30 vendors and approximately 100 employees. This was the second year for this event for the City of McKinney Purchasing Department. The fun included games, fantastic door prizes and lots of excitement. The City of McKinney communicates throughout the year by issuing a quarterly newsletter to all employees. They are creative in stimulating interest in their department by quizzing city employees on "How much do you know about the purchasing processes"? Prizes are awarded for participation.

The **City of Fort Worth** Purchasing Department also had an Open House to celebrate Purchasing Month. The event was organized by Jack Dale. Approximately 30 city employees attended.

Lone Star Conference
Lone Star Conference

May 16, 17 & 18

San Antonio, Texas



2008 Lone Star Conference



A committee will meet to discuss the Spring 2008 Lone Star Conference. This meeting will be held on Friday, May 18th following the closing of the San Antonio 2007 Lone Star Conference. If you would like to attend this meeting, volunteer or participate in the planning of the next conference, please notify Sara Hoglund, Debbie Nye, Tina Murphy, or Cyndy Smith.

NIGP Seminars

Due to a low response to the May Seminar: [Fundamentals of Leadership & Management](#), this class has been cancelled. The April Seminar: [Get What You Need Through Successful Negotiation Strategies](#) was also cancelled due to a low response. NIGP has minimums that must be met in order to keep a class open. It is a privilege to have these courses offered here in Collin County and to have the level of instruction and experience here for our career advancement. Please consider this valuable tool when creating your 2007-8 budgets. Recommendations for future topics of interest should go to Cindy White: clwhite@cccdd.edu. Please enroll in the course if you submit a special topic of interest. Scholarships are also available. See the attached scholarship form. Watch for New upcoming seminars. Seminar information will be forwarded via email and will be posted on the Chapter website at www.dfwnigp.com.

New Certifications!



New Texas CPPB's

**Kelly Bennett, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Town of Flower Mound**

Legislative Update

Carol Cooper has been busy, very busy, keeping us informed of bills that are currently being reviewed by our Texas Legislature. The 80th Texas Legislature Regular Sessions are being held now. The below listing is provided to you to help keep up with the House and Senate bills:

HB 3516 Purchasing: would allow a city to provide notice of competitive sealed bidding, solicitation of bids, a city land sale or exchange, or certificates of obligation by: (1) Publishing once in a newspaper; (2) Posting the notice for at least fourteen consecutive days on the city's Web site; or (3) If the city does not have a Web site, posting the notice in the business daily provided by the state.

This bill was filed on 3/9/07. Please send the committee your support for this bill, this still has not moved. If you need a sample letter, please contact Carol Cooper at cacooper@ci.garland.tx.us

HB 3517 Purchasing: would allow a city to: (1) purchase any goods or services using the competitive sealed proposal procedure so long as the city determines that using that method would provide the best value for the city; and (2) delegate the authority to make the best value determination to a designated representative of the city.

This was filed on 3/9/07 Passed House and received in Senate. More information will be provided on this as it evolves.

HB 447 Construction Procurement: would (1) prohibit a reverse auction procedure for a public works contract for which a performance or payment bond is required; (2) consolidate the provisions of current law relating to alternative delivery systems for construction projects (e.g., competitive sealed proposals, construction manager-agent, construction manager at-risk, design-build, job order contracting) by most governmental entities, including cities; (3) provide procedures and criteria for a governmental entity to use when selecting a construction contractor using a method other than competitive bidding; (4) authorize the use of any alternative delivery method, except for design-build, for any improvement to real property; and (5) limit the use of design-build to buildings and associated structures.

Read this bill and let your opinions be known.

HB 1536 Procurement would: (1) provide that a governmental entity may award job order contracts for the construction, renovation, repair, rehabilitation, or alteration of a facility under certain circumstances; and (2) enact minor changes to the procedures governing job order contract procurement.

HB 1753 Texas Municipal League: would prohibit a city from paying dues to an organization if that organization or an employee of the organization directly or indirectly influences or attempts to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature.

HB 3506 Procurement: would increase the competitive bidding threshold amount for a city to \$50,000 and would provide that a city that spends more than \$3,000 but less than \$50,000 shall contact at least two historically underutilized businesses regarding the purchase.

Write support to the House Calendar committee or to Urban Affairs

This is only a sampling of pages of bills. Attached to this newsletter is the complete list. You can also follow these bills by accessing: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>

UPPCC Expands Board of Examiners (BOE)

Representation Extended to CAPPO, FAPPO, NAEP & NPI

October 31, 2006... Today the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council (UPPCC) announced that it had invited four collegial public procurement organizations to participate on its Board of Examiners (BOE). The BOE is the UPPCC body responsible for the development of the CPPO and CPPB examinations and for making decisions on matters relating to certification, recertification and revocation.

California Association of Public Purchasing Officers (CAPPO), Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers (FAPPO), National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP) and National Purchasing Institute (NPI) were each offered the opportunity to recommend one representative to serve on the BOE. All four organizations have accepted the Council's invitation. With these additional seats, the BOE will be made up of twelve members; ten voting members and two advisory members. Three representatives each from the two UPPCC founding organizations; National Institute for Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) and National Association of State Purchasing Officers (NASPO) and one representative each from CAPPO, FAPPO, NAEP and NPI will make up the voting membership, while two advisory seats are split between the Canadian Federal Government and the Irish Institute of Purchasing & Materials Management. Each member of the BOE serves a three year term and can serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

"We are so excited by the developments that are taking shape" said Don Buffum, CPPO, Chairman of The Council. "The Council's desire in expanding the BOE is to allow for broader input in the development of the public sector certification exams through the expansion of the BOE's intellectual resources. We also ensure the applicability of the UPPCC certifications to the entire public procurement profession."

All four organizations are working with their respective Boards and membership to select appropriate representation and hope to have those individuals in place for the January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2009 term. "CAPPO is pleased and honored to accept the UPPCC's invitation to join the Board of Examiners" said CAPPO's President Denni Baumer, C.P.M., CPPB. "Our association has a long history of commitment to certification... the expansion of the BOE is another opportunity to advance our profession through certification and CAPPO is proud to be part of that endeavor." Echoing CAPPO's sentiment, NPI's President Pam Kirkland, CPPO, CPPB said, "NPI is very excited to become a part of the CPPO/ CPPB certification process and we look forward to a long and prosperous relationship."

Buffum added that "The UPPCC has made tremendous strides over the last few years in enhancing the CPPO and CPPB programs. These are four great organizations, committed to professionalism within the industry and we are certain that their input will help to pave the way for truly universal public purchasing certification offerings."

The Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council (UPPCC) is an independent entity formed to govern and administer the Certified Public Purchasing Officer (CPPO) and Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) certification programs.

The CPPO and CPPB programs are highly regarded and respected among procurement professionals and employers involved in the public sector. To date, the UPPCC has certified well over 10,000 professionals primarily within the US and Canada as well as in other nations around the globe.

NIGP Code of Ethics

The Institute believes, and it is a condition of membership, that the following ethical principles should govern the conduct of every person employed by a public sector procurement or materials management organization.

Seeks or accepts a position as head (or employee) only when fully in accord with the professional principles applicable thereto and when confident of possessing the qualifications to serve under those principles to the advantage of the employing organization.

Believes in the dignity and worth of the service rendered by the organization, and the societal responsibilities assumed as a trusted public servant.

Is governed by the highest ideals of honor and integrity in all public and personal relationships in order to merit the respect and inspire the confidence of the organization and the public being served.

Believes that personal aggrandizement or personal profit obtained through misuse of public or personal relationships is dishonest and not tolerable.

Identifies and eliminates participation of any individual in operational situations where a conflict of interest may be involved.

Believes that members of the Institute and its staff should at no time, or under any circumstances, accept directly or indirectly, gifts, gratuities, or other things of value from suppliers, which might influence or appear to influence purchasing decisions.

Keeps the governmental organization informed, through appropriate channels, on problems and progress of applicable operations by emphasizing the importance of the facts.

Resists encroachment on control of personnel in order to preserve integrity as a professional manager.

Handles all personnel matters on a merit basis, and in compliance with applicable laws prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of politics, religion, color, national origin, disability, gender, age, pregnancy and other protected characteristics.

Seeks or dispenses no personal favors. Handles each administrative problem objectively and empathetically, without discrimination.

Subscribes to and supports the professional aims and objectives of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, Inc.