

2010 IPPA Year in Review



IDAHO PUBLIC PURCHASING ASSOCIATION

IPPA Newsletter

2010 is a tough year for the economy and for the Purchasing personnel, we know that means more work and effort to be successful in our jobs of keeping things running, saving money and getting the most for our customers!

Even though this was a tough year, we have had some significant accomplishments!



The Winter Dinner meeting was held in January and had the swearing in of the newly elected officers and had Dave Davis, CPPO NIGP Region XII Director and Material Manager Washington State Department of Transportation speak on "Marketing the Value of Public Procurement."

The Spring Dinner Meeting was held in March and had Make Little, CPPO Idaho State Purchasing Manager speak on "Performance Information Procurement System (PIPS)."

The Fall Dinner Meeting was held in October and had Elroy Huff, Meridian City Parks Superintendent speak about "Meeting Parks Demands of the Future".

IPPA has a website (www.nigp-idaho.org), a blog (<http://www.nigp-idaho.org/cgi-bin/blog>), an e-mail (ippa@nigp-idaho.org) and we are on facebook!



We have two members receive certifications through NIGP in 2010.

IPPA has sponsored three (3) webinars in 2010 for continuing education !



Membership Has Its Rewards

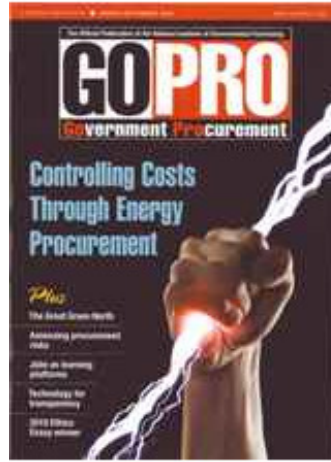
IPPA is made up of dedicated and committed professionals like you. They are known for their ethical integrity, individual leadership, and emphasis on mastering the art and science that is public procurement. IPPA helps you close the gap in achieving your professional needs!

IPPA is a Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP). It is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the advancement of the purchasing profession through education and cooperative relationships among its members. Our membership includes purchasing professionals from federal, state, city, county, school districts, and other political subdivisions.

Membership in IPPA is open to all public procurement personnel in the State of Idaho, including federal, state, city, county and any other political subdivision of the State (such as school districts, highway districts, port authorities, fire districts, etc.).

Being an IPPA member affords you the benefits:

- attend NIGP seminars and learn innovative purchasing skills



- prepare for professional certification
- network, exchange ideas and information and discuss current issues with peers
- develop and enhance your skills and talents in order to become more competitive in today's business climate
- attend NIGP webinars at no cost to you
- and more.

*Discuss issues with your peers
and have access to answers
nationwide.*

Upcoming IPPA Board Elections

IPPA is seeking nominations for Secretary and Director-At-Large 1 year term.

The election of officers will take place in January 2011 with the swearing in at the first Dinner Meeting .

For more information on officer positions, visit the IPPA by-laws at

<http://nigp-idaho.org/IPPA%20Documents/IPPA%20Chapter%20By-Laws%202011%202009.pdf>



Nominate and Vote!

Getting to Know Board Member Keith Watts IPPA Secretary

Hello fellow IPPA members. My name is Keith Watts and I am your current IPPA Secretary. I have been in Public Purchasing since about 1992, however I began my purchasing career in 1983, like many of you by default. I went to work for a small air conditioning company as a construction helper and was immediately asked to take over inventory. Soon after that I was asked to put a purchasing system together to go along with the inventory system I had created. I worked in private purchasing over the next 8 years. I eventually made my way to a large County in California with a yearly budget near a billion dollars. At the County I went through several purchasing system changes and many policy changes. I purchased mainly public works con-

struction, heavy equipment and IT goods and services not to mention everything from election supplies to office supplies. I left the County for a promotion and served as a contracts



manager for a \$350 million dollar public works construction project. When that project was in its final days I started to long for a new challenge, which took me to Meridian where I started a purchasing department from scratch. This position has been the most challenging job I have held. We have gone through a couple policy changes and several process improvements, which are and should be an ongoing improvement policy. I've had to change an entire organization's way of thinking about public procurement as well as learn the nuances of Idaho contract law and statutes. With a challenge like this how could you not enjoy your job? Public Purchasing is a challenging and rewarding profession and I am honored to be a colleague as well as a representative of yours. Sincerely, Keith Watts, Purchasing Manager and IPPA Secretary

Mew Member Spotlight

IPPA would like to welcome a new member, Michael Carr. Michael works in Purchasing for Boise State University. He issues bids and quotes for a wide variety of equipment, supplies and services. Welcome Michael!

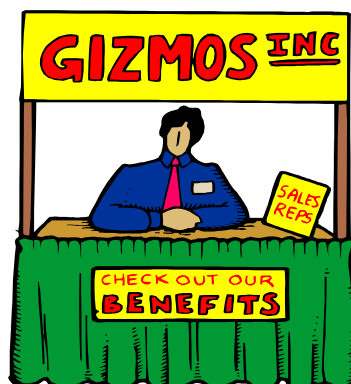
We have members from State of Idaho Department of Administration Division of Purchasing, State of Idaho Military Division, Department of

Welcome!

Environmental Quality, Idaho State Police, Ada County, City of Boise, City of Meridian and Boise State University.

Things to Come

March is Purchasing Month and planning is started for Purchasing Month activities. A reverse vendor fair is in the works to be held at Meridian City Hall. All agencies are welcome. Everyone will have an opportunity to give vendors information on how to do business with their



agency.

There will also be education for the purchasing professionals as well.

Planning is in the early stages but if you have input, please let us know. Ideas are always welcome!



Did you know...

...IPPA has four (4) dinner meetings per year with guest speakers that cover a variety of Purchasing topics.

...IPPA sponsors webinars free to members throughout the year at various locations.

...IPPA has NIGP Charter No.18

...IPPA received its charter on July 21, 2004.

...there were twenty (20) original charter members for IPPA.

...four (4) of the original twenty are still members today.

...sponsored webinars of 2010 are: Show Then the Money (10/14), Negotiating the Contract: Getting to Yes (6/21) and Avoiding the Gavel: Using the UCC to Protect Your Agency (3/23).

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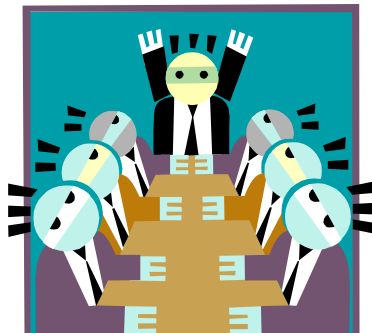
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