

Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING

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Hello Coastal Georgia Chapter Members! "Procurement Month" has begun and we are off to a great start! We made it through 2020, a year filled with uncertainty and change. While we were not able to meet in person for the majority of the year, we have adapted by growing closer virtually. I would like to say a big "Thank You" to our Officers. They have been working very hard to plan our virtual meetings and upcoming events for 2021. Procurement month is when we celebrate both our profession and the procurement professionals that we are. It is a time for us to share all the great things about public procurement and the value we bring to our organizations and communities. As procurement professionals, we should highlight our accomplishments, share those "little known facts" about all the services we provide and things we are actively involved in, the money we save, as well as the money we create in revenue, and the many ways in which we contribute to the most important aspects of procurement. It is an opportunity to help educate others about the procurement process and the admirable work we as procurement professionals perform every day. We work hard and contribute significantly to the greater good and only WE can help others realize that value.

In celebration of Procurement Month, we will be meeting virtually on Wednesday, March 24th, at Noon. We will hear from our Area 4 Chapter Ambassador, Sam Lemonis as he gives a presentation on "The Benefits of NIGP". We will be delivering surprise bags to our various entities. The bags are **not be opened**. We will all share in the fun and open them together at our virtual meeting! Member engagement is extremely important and we look forward to your participation!

To celebrate further, we are also planning a dinner and bowling event on Friday, March 26th at 6:00p.m. Our theme for Procurement Month is "**Keep the Ball Rolling**". We hope that you will come and join us for a fun and exciting night! Keep your eyes and ears open for further details.

Happy Procurement Month to everyone! We appreciate you and your participation in our Chapter. Thank you for your contribution to our success! Let's "Keep the ball rolling"!!!

Ginger Adkinson, CPPB
President, NIGP Coastal Georgia Chapter

March is **PROCUREMENT MONTH**

Celebrating You
and Everything You Do!



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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PURCHASING MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The purchasing and materials management professions are critical for the public and private sectors to operate efficiently and effectively; and
- WHEREAS:** Purchasing professionals acquire products and services by balancing and negotiating prices, resources, and time. These individuals work in many different settings, including state agencies, county governments, universities and colleges, local school districts, and municipalities; and
- WHEREAS:** Over 600 state, local, and federal purchasing professionals provide the Georgia Department of Administrative Service, as well as other state agencies, with important training and educational resources for procurement and materials management; and
- WHEREAS:** Through their combined purchasing power, these purchasing and materials management professionals are responsible for billions of dollars spent annually, enabling them to have a substantial impact on global economic conditions; and
- WHEREAS:** During the pandemic, government purchasing professionals have worked in urgent conditions to meet challenges and secure materials, resources, and personal protective equipment for frontline workers, contributing to Georgia's COVID-19 response and the safety of communities throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS:** In the month of March, the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, Georgia Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (GANIGP), Governmental Procurement Association of Georgia, and the Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP, along with other professional procurement organizations in our state, participate in efforts to inform the public of how important the purchasing professions is in business, industry, and government; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as PURCHASING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

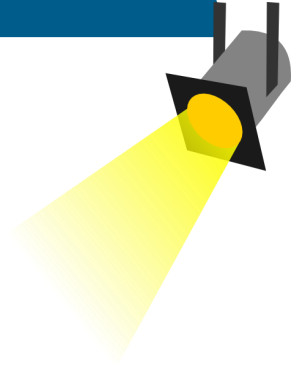
ATTEST

Martin Kipertovich
CHIEF OF STAFF

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Jean Fleming
Procurement Specialist
Chatham County



1. Are you native to Savannah? Yes! I did live in Cleveland, OH for a while but moved back to Savannah about 10 years ago.
2. How long have you been involved in the profession? 6 years
3. What aspect of your career do you enjoy most? I think that most days my job can be routine but there is always unexpected purchases that the end users need me to put out a bid for so I think always expecting the unexpected and being somewhat of a detective to learn about those unexpected purchases is what I enjoy the most.
4. What challenges do you experience in your career? The most challenging part of my career is getting the end users to follow our procurement ordinance.
5. What are your future goals? I am still new to the field of purchasing and I just plan to continue to learn as much as I can about it.
6. How do you enjoy spending your free time? I enjoy spending time with my family.
7. Tell us one thing about yourself that people might find surprising. Most people think I am crazy for the age gap, but I have two sons, one is 15 and the other is 9 months old. They definitely keep me on my toes!

“WIN-WIN” Incentive for Chapters & Our Members

(FEBRUARY - JUNE 2021)

Here is how it works:

Our members win by getting exclusive savings of 30% on select virtual offerings. NIGP has reduced prices on numerous virtual classes so you can keep learning and growing. A full list of offerings can be found on the link provided

<https://www.nigp.org/chapters/marketing-toolkit>

Our Chapter wins by earning a 15% rebate for every member who registers before June 30, 2021.

Our members must identify the Chapter affiliation (Coastal Georgia Chapter) during registration.



New Members



New Members

Samantha Snyder-Buyer, Georgia Ports Authority

Cherry Ward-Buyer, Georgia Ports Authority

Frank Garlitz -Purchasing Directory, City of Savannah

Lori Holdorf -Procurement Specialist, Chatham County

Michelle Williams -Procurement Specialist, Board of Education

“Membership with this chapter creates a distinctive and invaluable networking resource for creative solutions and support for the unique challenges faced within Procurement. “

Recruitment

Tell others about the benefits of becoming a member of The Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP!

Many CGC members of NIGP enjoy the chapter's quarterly meetings and the opportunity to network with other local professionals in the field. Membership with the CGC also provides a wealth of educational opportunities. As a member of the CGC, you will also gain access to quarterly newsletters that highlight major events and procurement news.

The CGC is affiliated with the National Chapter of NIGP but operates independently. National membership is encouraged, however; members of the local CGC can participate regardless of their membership status nationally.

Visit our website at <https://cgcnigp.com/> for membership information, to view learning opportunities, and check out events!

**tell
someone!**

UPCOMING EVENTS



March 24, 2021

Virtual Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP

Topic: The Benefits of NIGP Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP -

Time: **Wednesday, March 24, 2020 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

****Prior to meeting you will receive an e-mail with the link to RSVP and join Zoom Meeting**

The topic of discussion: The Benefits of NIGP

Guest Speaker Bio Sam Lemonis, CPPB



Sam currently serves as District Director of Procurement for Hinds Community College, in Raymond MS. He has 26 years of purchasing experience, including 18 in public purchasing, with the last 14 at Hinds. Prior to his stint at Hinds, he was a Purchasing Manager at The University of Mississippi Medical Center for 4 years.

Sam is a Past President (2014) of the Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing & Property Agents, (MAGPPA) having previously served as 2nd VP in 2009 and again in 2017. He is a past Knowledge Management Committee Member with NIGP, and currently serves as Area 4 Chapter Ambassador.

A native of Greenville MS, and graduate of Delta State University, he is married to the former Robin Irby, and has 3 children, and 3 grandchildren.

UPCOMING EVENTS



CGCNIGP BOWLING NIGHT

WHEN: FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

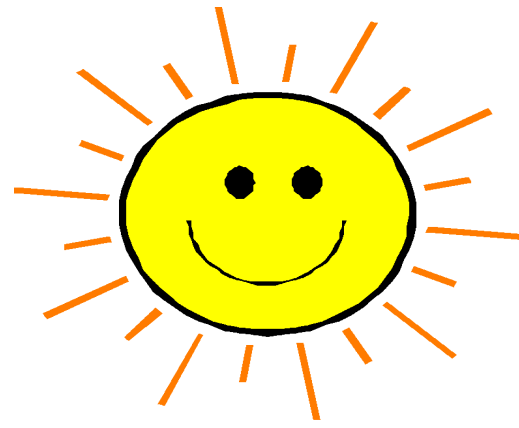
WHERE: PREMIER BOWL & BISTRO 4 Towne Center Ct, Pooler, GA 31322

TIME: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM (BOWLING STARTS AT 7:00 PM)

**Please submit RSVP to llansford@gaports.com by 12:00 noon,
Tuesday, March 23, 2021.**

MARCH 2021

Words of Inspiration



YOU WERE PUT
ON THIS EARTH
TO ACHIEVE
YOUR GREATEST
SELF, TO LIVE
OUT YOUR
PURPOSE, AND
TO DO IT
COURAGEOUSLY.



MARCH 2021

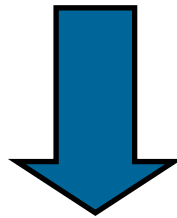
Congratulations!

NIGP-CPP Certification

Sabrina Scales, Purchasing Director
Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

Joan Carter, Lead Purchasing Agent
Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

NEW NIGP LOGO



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Professional Development



Professional Development Webinars:

Below are some upcoming scheduled FREE webinars being offered through NIGP.

If interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity.

Here is a link to register. <https://www.nigp.org/home/your-learning-journey/education/webinars>.

LATEST TRENDS AND INFORMATION IMPACTING THE PROFESSION

Webinars

Our webinars keep members and procurement professionals updated on important topics and the latest trends and information impacting the profession. Topics range from policy and regulation changes to deep dives on a new trend in procurement to sharing best practices, or managing a crisis.



Register Today.

**MAR
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Webinar - You are Certified by the UPPCC. Congratulations! What is Your Next Journey?

Webinar

**MAR
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Webinar - NIGP Meeting of the Members and Conversations with Member Council Candidates for the 2021 Elections

Webinar

**MAR
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Webinar - NIGP Certified Procurement Professional: A Proven Pathway That Invests in Your Long-Term Career Growth

Webinar

**MAR
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Webinar - ADA Compliance for Procurement...are you at risk?

Webinar

**MAR
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Webinar - The Automated Enterprise: Unifying People, Processes and Platforms

Webinar

**MAR
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Webinar - Your Stakeholder Relationships - The Global Best Practice

Webinar

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Webinar - Diversifying Your Construction Spend

Webinar

**APR
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Webinar - You are Certified by the UPPCC. Congratulations! What is Your Next Journey?

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Webinar

**MAY
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Webinar - Lead Laterally: Choose to Help

Webinar

*COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER NIGP WISHES
YOU THE BEST ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!*

- Roger Roriex 1/1
- Joy Kerhoff 1/5
- T. Jayne Phillips 1/21
- Ginger Adkinson 1/22
- Johnnie Coker 1/31
- Monifa Johnson 1/31
- Lisa Lansford 2/5
- Ylonda Fate 2/6
- Shawnte Coles 2/7
- Davida Banks 2/25

