



The Purchasing Buy-Lines

Columbia Chapter

Winter 2006

Columbia Chapter Rewards Program

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The Columbia Chapter is starting a new program as of January 1, 2006 to both provide opportunities to earn points and a Reward in the form of reimbursement for Chapter workshops, NIGP workshops, etc., as well as to encourage Chapter members to participate in a variety of Chapter activities.

Funding for the Rewards Program will come from a portion of the revenue collected from Chapter fundraisers. Participation in a wide variety of activities will enable Chapter members to earn points throughout the year. The Chapter member(s) with the highest number of points will earn a Reward. The number of Rewards presented annually will be determined by the Columbia Chapter Board and will depend on the amount of revenue earned by fundraisers. The amount of each Reward will be \$275.00

The Rewards Program policy, including an activity points schedule will be

posted on the Columbia Chapter website in late January. Activity points can be earned by attending Chapter or NIGP workshops, representing your agency at the Reverse Trade Show, attendance at Chapter meetings, working on or chairing a committee, submitting or publishing an article in the Chapter Newsletter, being a Chapter member or national member, becoming certified or by receiving the Buyer or Manager of the year award.

It will be the responsibility of each Chapter member to maintain records regarding points earned and to submit the necessary information along with an Application for Rewards Form by January 31, 2007 to the past president.

If you have questions regarding this new program, email Leslie Johnson @ Leslie_Johnson@co.washington.or.us



Columbia Chapter Scholarship Program

The Columbia Chapter values the contributions, efforts, dedication and professionalism of its members. We recognize the challenge of public agencies providing funding for professional development and continuing education. As such, the Columbia Chapter scholarship program would like to assist current members in attaining their professional goals. For more information about scholarships, go to our website @ www.columbiachapternigp.org.

**Our lives begin to end
the day we become silent
about things that matter...**

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



President's Message

At the beginning of a new year and while attempting to think of what I could write that is brilliant, thought-provoking and full of wisdom I have to admit that not a single idea comes to mind.

What does keep coming to my mind is how much the Chapter has accomplished over the past year and how many things are ahead of us. I'm very proud to be part of the Columbia Chapter and am impressed by how many members willingly give their time and energy to benefit the Chapter and the purchasing profession.

The Board received and approved sixteen new member applications over the months of November and December (that's over a 20% increase in membership)! On behalf of the Columbia Chapter I'd like to welcome all of our new members.

The Holiday luncheon was well-attended, the food was good, and there was a lot of bidding on the silent auction items. Special thanks to Margaret Kisser and Leslie Johnson for all of their work and for helping to make the luncheon and silent auction a success. And thanks to everyone who donated items for the auction.

Committee members are busy working on the many details necessary to hold the Reverse Vendor Trade Show on April 12 at the Salem Convention Center. Workshops and classes are being scheduled to include

the Columbia Chapter/OPPA joint workshop in March; Purchasing as a Second Language; a LEAP class in April; and a CPPB/CPPO review class/test in the Fall.

The website has been redesigned and looks great! Thank you Mike Westerman and Elaine Holt for your work on this and your continued efforts to maintain the site.

A big thank you to Darin Matthews! He has recently completed and published the 2nd edition of his Certifiable guidebook. NIGP ordered 100 books and at the request of Darin all proceeds from the sale of the guide will be used toward scholarships for members to attend the National Conference in August of this year. Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations to Elaine Holt, our upcoming President, for obtaining her CPPO! Elaine decided to go for her CPPO at the same time she accepted a new position, and it seems like she was moving at the time, too. If I remember correctly, I told her she was 'nuts' for trying for her CPPO with all she had going on at one time. Great job, Elaine!!

Thank you, everyone!
Happy New Year to all of you!

Diane Seaton, CPPB, CDT, MCA
Columbia Chapter President



Open Chapter Positions

The Columbia Chapter is seeking candidates for two open board positions as well as committee members. Positions available are:





Treasurer – 5 year term

Professional Development Director – 3 year term

Newsletter Editor - 1 year

The Treasurer and Professional Development positions are elected director positions and will be voted on at the May General Meeting, Newsletter Editor is a committee assignment and the chapter is looking for a volunteer for this position. If you are interested in any of these openings or want to suggest someone, contact Christine Moody at cmoody@ci.portland.or.us

March 
is
Public
Procurement
Month



Columbia Chapter Buyer & Manager of the Year Nominations

The Columbia Chapter is seeking nominations for Chapter Buyer and Manager of the Year. The purpose of these awards is to recognize individual candidates who have made significant contributions to the advancement of purchasing and professional development demonstrated by the following criteria:

- Contributions to the Public Procurement Profession
- Contributions to Professional Development and Professional Certification
- Contributions to the Entity he or she Serves
- Contributions to the Chapter
- Contributions to National NIGP

If you know someone who should be recognized for their efforts, please send a nomination letter or e-mail describing how they meet the above criteria to Christine Moody at cmoody@ci.portland.or.us. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 17, 2006.

A committee will review all nominations and make a selection for announcement at the March Columbia Chapter/OPPA Joint Workshop. The Chapter would like to submit applications for National Buyer and Manager of the year to be announced at the NIGP 2006 Forum in Tampa, Florida. The Buyer and Manager of the year awards will be given out at the May General Meeting.

We hope you will take the time to nominate one of the many deserving individuals in our Chapter.

2006 Annual NIGP Forum in Tampa, Florida

By Darin Matthews



The 61st Annual NIGP Forum will be held August 5-9, 2006 in Tampa, Florida. Over 1,000 procurement professionals from the US and abroad will be in attendance. Professionals from all levels and types of government are welcome, including local, state, provincial and federal.

Topics include best practices in such areas as contracting, negotiations, procurement cards, and reverse auctions. In

addition to numerous workshops and networking sessions, attendees can greatly benefit from the products expo. Suppliers offering all types of goods and services will be on hand to show off the latest products in their industry.

Get your share of new ideas, innovative techniques and network with your peers to find out what they are doing to meet the demands placed on them by their agencies. For more information check out www.nigp.org and click on Forum and Expo.

2005 Holiday Luncheon & Silent Auction



by Margaret Kisser

This year's holiday luncheon and silent auction was held at the Chart House. The food was fabulous and the view spectacular! Twenty-eight members plus 2 guests attended and we had about 37 articles to auction off. The bidding was fast and furious before lunch and continued after dessert of Mud Pie. Finally, Diane Seaton, Columbia Chapter President, called the 2-minute warning.

Dave Laney, Multnomah County, won the bid on the Romance of the Storm package to the Inn at Spanish Head, featuring one night stay in an ocean-view room

(with 50% off option for a second night), 2 breakfast meals, and Champaign in their room upon arrival.

At the other end of the spectrum, we have Louise Tamiesie winning the bid on a case of 80 rolls of Northern Bathroom Tissue for 8 bucks. Well-done Louise!

Miss Piggy was raffled off and added to the net proceeds of the auction for a total of \$654.58.

Thanks to those who attended and contributed to the success of the auction. Thank you to the members, businesses, and individuals who donated a product or service.

Introduction to Public Procurement

April 5, 6, 7, 2006

**Clark County Operations Center • 78th Street Conference Center
4700 NE 78th Street • Vancouver, Washington 98665**

General Description

The work of public procurement is no longer a clerical function performed independently by various people throughout different agencies or departments within a government entity. This class provides an overview of the ever-changing profession by identifying fundamental concepts that will affect procurement in the public sector.

Duration: 3-Day Seminar; 24 hours of instruction UPPCC* Re-Certification points: 3

Contact hours: 24 hours CEU Units**: 2.25

Instructor: Mr. Keith K Glatz, CPPO

Intended Audience

This course is intended for individuals interested in an overview of procurement functions for the purpose of understanding the basic elements that underlie all areas of public procurement. Any government employee who has delegated authority to purchase goods and services on behalf of the government should take advantage of this class. Discussion and content is relevant for those outside the profession, who are impacted by the public procurement environment.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this class. Successful participants will either be new to the profession or have less than one year of experience and anyone employed in various positions within the government.

Cancellation Policy:

1. Refunds will be given only for cancellations received in writing at least 14 days before seminar starting date.
2. Cancellation received 7-14 days before seminar are subject to a \$75.00 service charge.
3. There will be no refunds for cancellations received less than 7 days before the seminar. However, 50% of the seminar fee may be applied toward another NIGP seminar attended within one year.

Registration, Parking and Meal information:

On-site registration will be held on the first day at 7:30 a.m. Class sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Break refreshments will be provided. Meals are available at several nearby restaurants. Driving directions on request will be returned with confirmation.

Registration Fee

Includes all course and study materials, with break refreshments. Invoicing is available upon request. However, full payment is required prior to attendance.

National NIGP Member \$550.00

Chapter Member \$725.00

Non-Member \$825.00

For more information see the Columbia Chapter website @ <http://columbiachapternigp.org>

FEBRUARY 3, 2006

“Emergency Planning and Decision-Making”

HOLIDAY INN WILSONVILLE • 25425 SW 95TH AVENUE • WILSONVILLE, OR 97070 • 503.682.2211

Guest Speakers
Morning Sessions:

Sharon Kennedy, City of Hillsboro Emergency Manager

Sharon will discuss Hillsboro’s emergency management plan and the steps and a contract the City has in place to assure that services will continue in the event of an emergency.

Patty Hopkins, Emergency Management Office of Portland Fire and Rescue

Patty will tell you how to prepare your home and business for an emergency. She’ll talk about the threat of earthquakes in the Pacific Northwest and steps to take in case an earthquake occurs.

Afternoon Session:

Problem-solving and Decision-Making, Michael Kolodisner, CPPO

In this interactive presentation, Mike will demonstrate and teach effective problem-solving and decision making techniques and strategies.

Michael J Kolodisner, CPPO, is currently Contracting Services Manager for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the largest water agency in the United States. Prior to taking this position he was President of Pro-Train, and involved in training and consulting for both public agencies and private companies throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia and South America. Mike also served as Director of Administrative Services and Chief Procurement Office for Orange County, California.

All registrations for current members and non-members must be received
no later than *12 noon, January 31, 2006.*

There is a \$35.00 registration fee for non-members only.

For current members of the Columbia Chapter NIGP the cost of this workshop is part of your yearly dues but you must complete and submit a registration form.

If you are unable to get your \$35.00 check in by the deadline, PLEASE call, fax or email your registration to:

Leslie A. Johnson
Washington County Purchasing
155 North First Avenue Suite 210
Hillsboro, OR 97124
Phone: 503.846.8737
Fax: 503.846.8326

Email: wcpurchasing@co.washington.or.us

Chapter Membership Info

The Columbia Chapter is now considered a medium sized chapter by NIGP National. Here are the current membership numbers:

- 47 Regular***
- 20 Associate***
- 18 Retired***
- 1 Honorary***

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I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love
will have the final word in reality.
This is why right, temporarily defeated,
is stronger than evil triumphant.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Check out the NEW Chapter website at:
www.columbiachapternigp.org.

Pacific NW Public Purchasing Association Conference

**Spring 2006 Workshop - April 26, 27 & 28, 2006
Tacoma, Washington, USA**

This year the Pacific Northwest Public Purchasing Association's Spring workshop will be held at the Courtyard Marriott in downtown Tacoma on April 26, 27 & 28, 2006.

Since 1939 the PNPPA has been holding twice yearly professional development workshops, structured as hands-on question and answer sessions. The focus is on thought provoking agenda items submitted in advance by public purchasing professionals like you. Agenda topics and questions are distributed to registrants, prior to the workshop, so that they may bring materials to share and be ready to discuss their own solutions and experiences. All of this is in an open forum and all attendees are encouraged to contribute.

By attending the PNPPA workshop you have the opportunity to benefit from the experience and expertise of others who have faced the same challenges. Whether you are brand new to the public purchasing profession or a seasoned veteran, you will come away with new information and a valuable network of other purchasing professionals. Continuing Education Units will be applicable for NIGP and ISM members. Your host committee is looking forward to seeing you in Tacoma!!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Calendar of Events



February 2006

February 3rd

Columbia Chapter
All Day Workshop
Emergency Planning and
Decision Making
Holiday Inn, Wilsonville

February 15th

Columbia Chapter Board Mtg
Who Song & Larry's, Portland
11:30

February 22nd

ICP Meeting
PPS—Room L-1
Noon

February 22-24

OPPA
NIGP Leap Class
“Legal Aspects of Purchasing”
OR Dept of Transportation, Salem

March 2006

March 2nd

OPPA/Columbia Chapter
Joint Conference
Guest Speaker
Norma Hall, NIGP President
Topic: Team Building
Holiday Inn, Wilsonville

March 15th

Columbia Chapter Board Mtg
Who Song & Larry's, Portland
11:30

March 22nd

ICP Meeting
PPS—Room L-1
Noon

April 2006

April 5-7

Columbia Chapter
NIGP Leap Class
“Introduction to Public
Procurement”
Clark County Operations Center
78th Street Conference Center
4700 NE 78th Street

April 6th

Columbia Chapter General Mtg
Stock Pot, Beaverton
11:30

April 12th

OPPA/Columbia Chapter
Reverse Trade Show
Salem Convention Center, Salem

April 19th

Columbia Chapter Board Mtg
Who Song & Larry's, Portland
11:30

April 26th

ICP Meeting
PPS—Room L-1
Noon

April 26– 28th

PNPPA Conference
Courtyard Marriott, Tacoma, WA

May 2006

May 3rd

Columbia Chapter General Mtg
Holiday Inn, Convention Center
11:30

May 11th

OAME Annual Trade Show
Oregon Convention Center

May 17th

Columbia Chapter Board Mtg
TBA
11:30

May 17-19th

OPPA Spring Conference
“Adding Value to the Procurement
Process”
Redmond, OR

May 24th

ICP Meeting
PPS—Room L-1
Noon

*Competence, like
truth, beauty
and contact lenses,
is in the eye of the
beholder.*

- Lawrence J. Peter