



2021 Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results (SOAR) Analysis

Strengths

NIGP Columbia Chapter is:

- A very active organization, with member involvement, and energetic volunteers.
- An innovative Chapter
- Good to its membership, by providing networking, sending out group communications, and providing leadership
- A Chapter with high quality people, a diverse group of people whose members get along well together
- A great collective of public procurement entities
- A source of contractor knowledge
- Known for making resources available for member professional development
- Providing opportunities to learn from others, local trainings, education that assists members in their jobs and careers, and mentoring opportunities

Opportunities

NIGP Columbia Chapter can grow by:

- Encouraging more member involvement
- Demonstrating flexibility in member involvement with the Chapter
- Recruiting younger members
- Recruiting more members from the educational institutions
- Recruiting members outside Chapter by educating potential members about career opportunities in public procurement
- Promoting additional cooperative contract opportunities
- Providing additional networking, and training opportunities
- Revitalizing the Reverse Vendor Trade Show (RVTS)
- Demonstrating the nearly unlimited, ways to get involved and volunteer
- Promoting participation on the Board as a great opportunity for growth and development

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- Making it easy to contribute to the Chapter
- Continuing to provide job and career training, continuing education, and mentoring opportunities

Aspirations

NIGP Columbia Chapter goals are to:

- Lead in innovation
- Provide stability in professional involvement
- Provide opportunities for positions in the Chapter that directly relate to recertification requirements of the UPPCC
- Investigate the possibility of creating a joint purchasing opportunity for the whole Chapter
- Grow its membership
- Provide more scholarship opportunities
- Encourage even more active membership and volunteerism
- Increase membership certification percentage, and have more members with their CPPB, CPPO, and/or NIGP-CPP
- Increase the impact of the Chapter on community
- Continue improving and promoting better utilization of its website
- Increase attendance at general meetings and other Chapter gatherings
- Strive for greater diversity in its membership
- Address current issues

Results

NIGP Columbia Chapter will use the following metrics to track its progress:

- The Chapter's national presence and involvement with NIGP national.
- The number of Chapter members
- The number of general meeting attendees
- The number of volunteers
- The number of nominations for each Board position
- Scholarship dollars available/awarded
- The percentage of members who have earned or recertified for a CPPB, CPPO, or NIGP-CPP
- NIGP Chapter Performance Standard Seal
- The number of members involved in Chapter activities
- The number of innovative technologies utilized

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