

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any person who subscribes to the purposes of the South Carolina Association of Governmental Purchasing Officials. The classes of membership are:

Regular Members: Restricted to persons who are actively engaged in governmental purchasing activities of any state, county, municipal, educational agency or special purpose political subdivisions. May also be extended to anyone interested in the profession, vendors excluded, and sponsored by a regular member.

Lifetime Members: May be conferred upon active members upon retirement and written request for such membership.

Honorary Members: May be bestowed upon individuals who have made distinguished contributions to the purchasing profession, or to the Association, upon recommendation and majority vote by the Executive Board.

Agency Members: Up to 15 members may have membership in the name of any state, county, municipal, educational agency, or special purpose political subdivision which is actively engaged in governmental purchasing activities. Agency members are considered regular members.

Associate Members: Any membership not defined above. Associate members are not voting members and require the majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Procurement Professionals interested in more information about our great organization are encouraged to visit our website (www.scagpo.org) for more information on our programs and training events, and to complete a membership application.



Vendor Opportunities

The SC Association of Governmental Purchasing Officials has several opportunities for vendors. Notification of all opportunities is usually published in SC Business Opportunities and on SCAGPO's website.

An annual trade show is held as part of our Annual Forum. We are confident in our assertion that our show is among the best in the region. The SCAGPO trade show can accommodate more than 100 booth rental for our vendors; and we offer multiple networking opportunities and professional development training sessions as a benefit to attendees. Vendors are also encouraged to participate in our pre-forum bowling and golf events. If you are interested in the Trade Show, please send an e-mail requesting additional information to forum@scagpo.org.

We also have a Co-Sponsorship Program to allow vendors to participate and fund training opportunities for our members. For additional information on how your company can become a SCAGPO sponsor, please contact our co-sponsorship chairperson at cosponsor@scagpo.org.

Each summer, the Chapter sponsors a Reverse Trade Show, designed to engage our disadvantaged community into conversations about how to do business with public entities. The Reverse Trade Show is a low cost venture and allows vendors to visit booths hosted by agencies from local, state, and special authorities.

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CONTRACT

This Contract is entered into by and between _____, all continue through its
The term of this Agreement shall begin on _____ and shall terminate on _____
This Contract may not be modified in any way by oral agreement between the Parties. This Contract shall be binding on the Parties, their successors, heirs, assigns and shall be enforced under the laws of the State of South Carolina. In consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein, the Parties agree that if shall

What is Public Procurement?

Purchasing has been defined as buying the right goods, at the right time, at the right price, in the right quantity and of the right quality. Simply put, public procurement is the contracting and acquisition of the goods and services required to sustain society and its way of life. And no two days are alike!

Consider: how do roads become roads. How are airports, schools, libraries, and water treatment facilities established and maintained? How are water and electricity provided to commercial buildings and private residences? How does a community provide for emergency response to natural or man-made catastrophe?

At every level of society and every entity of government there is evidence of the public procurement profession. To be effective, purchasing professionals must have a working technical knowledge of the goods or services to be purchased.

Our members have driven projects such as the construction of USC's Darla Moore School of Business and also the University's Carolina Cash program, Riverbank's Zoo's Zip Line, and the construction of Richland One's Montessori Middle School.

SCAGPO members negotiate contracts, formulate policies with suppliers, process requisitions and prepare purchase orders numerous commodities. Procurement professionals also develop and implement purchasing and contract management instructions, maintain records of goods ordered and received, participate in the development of specifications for services, products, and equipment. We also perform numerous contract administration duties, including resolve vendor or contractor grievances, and claims against suppliers, collect and analyze market data, and oversee multiple projects to ensure customer deadlines are met.

A few key words hint at what government purchasing pros get from their experience in the profession: challenge; diversity; rewarding; and service to the community.

Benefits of SCAGPO MEMBERSHIP

SCAGPO, a chapter of NIGP, is a non-profit association of persons actively engaged in governmental purchasing activities of any State, County, Municipal, Educational agency or Special Purpose Political Subdivision. SCAGPO member services include:

SCAGPO Weekly announcements including procurement updates, general certification news, training opportunities, membership news, and job openings in procurement.

"Online BuyWays", a newsletter published quarterly.

Quarterly Training Seminars at low cost to attendees and an additional discount for members.

Scholarships to assist members financially to reach professional development and certification goals.

Chapter member discounted rates for NIGP Education and Professional Development Programs developed to guide the public purchaser towards certification as either a Certified Public Purchasing Officer (CPPO) or Certified Public Professional Buyer (CPPB).

As a chapter member of NIGP, access to a new electronic journal. The NIGP Source is an electronic e-Zine which was launched in the 3rd quarter of 2005 replacing the Procurement Professional. It is released on a quarterly basis and will contain technical articles and manuscripts on contemporary procurement issues and other areas of interest to the procurement professional.

A Mentoring program, which pairs professionals with experience levels of new to intermediate with more seasoned Mentors who will ultimately assist their Mentees with reaching their professional goals.

SCAGPO Purpose

The Association is a nonprofit organization providing a wealth of support to purchasing agencies throughout South Carolina. Through its programs, purchasing officials learn the finer points of source selection, competitive bidding, negotiation, transportation, quality assurance, contract administration, tracking, inventory management, and specification writing. The association sponsors three professional development seminars per year and an annual forum with purchasing seminars. These have proven invaluable for those professionals in governmental purchasing who want to improve or update purchasing techniques and skills, improve purchasing power, and increase overall knowledge of purchasing.

The purpose of the South Carolina Association of Governmental Purchasing Officials is

- to study, discuss and recommend improvements in the field of governmental purchasing;
- to provide a means for the exchange of ideas and experiences among governmental purchasing officials;
- to promote and encourage professional competence through continuing education and training of governmental purchasing officials;
- to promote and foster the professional stature of all persons engaged in governmental purchasing;
- to achieve recognition of the place of public purchasing in the government structure;
- to collect, analyze and distribute information relative to the organization and administration of governmental purchasing activities to governmental purchasing officials;
- to promote legislation that endorses efficiency in the purchasing process for all governmental units in South Carolina.