

## Public Procurement: Shaping the Future

Your career kit containing a DVD and flyers that describe the benefits of choosing a career in public procurement has arrived. I know that your time is valuable, but please view the DVD and share it with your students. The enclosed flyers can be posted in your department or classroom so that students may become more aware of the opportunities available to them in this critically valuable field. Public procurement is truly a career grounded in public service and one that substantially impacts the future of our communities. With 40% of the publicly employed workforce retiring in the next five years, it is critical to spread the news about the opportunities in the public procurement field. The DVD is also available for viewing on the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing's (NIGP) website at:

<http://www.nigp.org/member/memberfaq.htm>

The video may also be viewed on You Tube. Please be sure to share these viewing alternatives with your students.

To increase your students' exposure to public procurement, NIGP is offering a FREE student membership to those who qualify. Qualified students can fill out an application on our website at:

<https://www.nigp.org/common/applications/memberfm.htm>

For your convenience, student applications are also included with the career kit.

PLEASE do not let this opportunity for a free membership pass your students by. In addition to increasing awareness to a career in public procurement, a membership in NIGP has other valuable attributes that your students can start taking advantage of TODAY! Our Annual Forum and Products Exposition is the largest North American educational conference exclusively for individuals in Public Purchasing. This event is FREE to our student members and provides a great vehicle for networking for a potential position with agencies from across the United States.

Students can also utilize Right Now Resources available to them on our website to assist them with their education. Our Research Library provides access to the Journal of Public Procurement, the same powerful ProQuest ABI/INFORM research tool used by advanced academic researchers around the world. They also have access to our six diverse discussion lists where they can interact with professionals in the procurement field. Students also receive discounts on books from our online store.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss getting your students signed up for their FREE membership in NIGP Today!

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