

# News and Views

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Fall, 2009**

**By Catherine Link, CPPB**

Another year is winding down. Leaves are falling and believe it or not, I have already seen snow. (actually it was in Wisconsin)

Some of our Board members are also winding down their terms. I would like to personally thank Marcia Amos and Phil Krysek for their dedicated service to the Board. I would also like to thank Tyrone Tipitino for completing his 2 year term as Treasurer. I want to offer a special thanks to Joan Morange who has been the IAPPO secretary for a number of years. The dedication, time and relentless service to the organization, especially since we are all volunteers is to be commended.

I am also honored to be the President of IAPPO for the next two years. I am looking forward to working with my new Vice-President, Larry Widmer, my new Secretary, Anita Juarez, and my new Treasurer, Cindy Krebs. Also, back for another term on the Board is Ken Bailey and I want to welcome Darcie Garza to the Board as well.

I think we have a great leadership in place and with the addition of the IAPPO Business Manager and Education Director, Patti Huth; we can only continue to move forward and bring the membership educational and networking opportunities that benefit us all.

If you have any suggestions as to how to improve the chapter, please feel free to drop me an email.

### ***Congratulations to new CPPBs and CPPOs—***

*IAPPO would like to officially congratulate members of the organization who have recently completed all qualifications to earn their CPPB and CPPO designations.*

## **2010 IAPPO Elections** (by Anita Juarez)

We had a nice turnout of voters for the 2009 Fall Election. I would like to thank everyone who voted. The results are as follows and will begin January 1, 2010 with a two year term: Catherine Link, CPPB of McHenry County as President, Larry Widmer, CPPB of NW Municipal Conference as Vice-President, Debby Thompson, CPPB of DuPage County as Treasurer, Anita Juarez of McHenry County as Secretary. The Executive Board Seats 1 and 2 with a three year term goes to Darcie Garza, CPPB of DuPage County, and Ken Bailey of Springfield Public Schools District 186. The Nominating Committee would like to congratulate everyone who was elected to serve the chapter.

**UPDATE:** Due to an increased workload, Debby Thompson has declined her nomination as Treasurer. A second election was held, and the new Treasurer for a 2 year term beginning on January 1, 2010 will be Cindy Krebs, CPPB, State of Illinois CMS.

President Link will appoint Jim Smith, Peoria County, to take over At-Large Board Seat 6 with Cindy Krebs's move to Treasurer. This appointment will be made in January, 2010.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**May 5-7, 2010**

**IAPPO Spring Conference**

**To be held at the:**

**Northfield Inn, Suites and  
Conference Center—Springfield,  
NIGP Seminar “World Class  
Procurement Practices” on**

**May 6, 2010**

**MORE DETAILS TO COME**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION**

**EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

NIGP and IAPPO sponsored two seminars in October at the Marriott Schaumburg. NIGP handled the entire seminar registration process through its web site. The seminars were titled: "Managing Your End Users and Suppliers" on October 14, 2009; and "Procurement under Federal Programs and Grants" on October 15-16, 2009.

The University of Illinois-Chicago is sponsoring several NIGP seminars:

- "Introduction to Public Procurement"  
December 8-10, 2009
- "Legal Aspects of Public Purchasing"  
February 1-3, 2010
- "Presentation Skills for Procurement Officials"  
March 22-23, 2010

Information has been posted on the NIGP website and registration is now open. The link to register (<http://training.obfs.uillinois.edu/index.cfm?campus=n> <<https://mail.nigp.org/exchweb/bin/redirect.aspx?URL=http://training.obfs.uillinois.edu/index.cfm?campus=n>> )

IAPPO will be sponsoring a one-day NIGP seminar, "World Class Procurement Practices" on May 6, 2010, in conjunction with its May conference in Springfield, Illinois. IAPPO will be discounting the registration fee for IAPPO members.

Questions?  
Contact Patti Huth, CPPO, CPPB  
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**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**  
**Features members of IAPPO and what you may or may not know about them**

This issue features: Darcie Garza, CPPB and Michael Bevis, CPPO, CPPB

**Full Name:** Darcie Ann Deak Garza

**Education:** TCD (Technical College of DuPage, formerly DAVEA) specializing in Travel and Tourism

**Employed By:** County of DuPage

**How Long:** 9.5 Years

**Hobbies:** Shopping, Working Out and attending my daughter's many sporting events

**Favorite Color:** Red

**Favorite Food:** Surf and Turf

**Favorite Song:** Anything from the 80s hairbands (Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, Guns n Roses)

**Favorite Animal:** My 3 year old Chihuahua, Bruiser

**Favorite Sports Team:** Chicago White Sox and da Bears

**Words of Wisdom:**

Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws. (PLATO)

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises. (DEMOSTHENES)

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. (BARACK OBAMA)

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**Full Name:** Michael E Bevis

**Education:** Lincoln Memorial University BA magna cum laude; Georgetown University Law School JD; North Central College – Graduate Certificate in Leadership Studies; PhD Candidate Northern Illinois University

**Employed By:** City of Naperville, Chief Procurement Officer

**How Long:** 9 1/2 years

**Hobbies:** Photography, Running, Cycling, Travel

**Favorite Color:** Blue

**Favorite Food:** Pizza – almost any kind

**Favorite Song:** anything Bob Marley

**Favorite Animal:** my Macaw "Bobo" and Dolphins

**Favorite Sports Team:** White Sox

**Words of Wisdom:** It's all been said before but: Make peace with the past so it won't screw up the present. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets and china, and don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all. ~Stanley Horowitz

# NIGP Annual Forum and Products Exposition

NIGP's 64th Annual Forum and Products Exposition in St. Louis has ended! Thanks to all of you who attended and helped make it a great success!

*We hope to see you August 13 - 17, 2010 for the*

*65th Annual Forum in San Antonio, Texas!*

## Questions?

Call 1-800-FOR-NIGP x227 or x242 or email us at [forum@nigp.org](mailto:forum@nigp.org)

## Legislative Committee Review by Larry Widmer, CPPB

### Public Act 096-0588

HB0379 Enrolled

AN ACT concerning finance.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Local Government Electronic Reverse Auction Act.

Section 5. Unit of local government defined. As used in this Act, "unit" and "unit of local government" mean a unit of local government as defined in Section 1 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

Section 10. Reverse auction. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and in accordance with rules adopted by the unit, a unit of local government, whether or not it is a home rule unit as defined in Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, may procure supplies or services through a competitive electronic auction bidding process after the unit's purchasing officer explains in writing to the unit's governing body his or her determination that the use of such a process will be in the best interest of the unit.

The purchasing officer shall publish that determination in the same manner required by law for the unit's invitations for bids.

An invitation for bids shall be issued and shall include

(i) a procurement description, (ii) all contractual terms, whenever practical, and (iii) conditions applicable to the

procurement, including a notice that bids will be received in an electronic auction manner.

Public notice of the invitation for bids shall be given in the same manner as required by law for the unit's other invitations for bids.

Bids shall be accepted electronically at the time and in the manner designated in the invitation for bids. During the auction, a bidder's price shall be disclosed to other bidders. Bidders shall have the opportunity to reduce their bid prices during the auction. At the conclusion of the auction, the record of the bid prices received and the name of each bidder shall be open to public inspection.

After the auction period has terminated, withdrawal of bids shall be permitted as otherwise provided by law.

The contract shall be awarded within 60 days after the

auction by written notice to the lowest responsible bidder, or all bids shall be rejected except as otherwise provided by law.

Extensions of the date for the award may be made by mutual written consent of the purchasing officer and the lowest responsible bidder.

Section 15. Application. This Act does not apply to (i) procurements of professional and artistic services, including but not limited to telecommunications services, communications services, Internet services, and information services, and (ii) contracts for construction projects.

Section 95. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by changing Section 20-10 as follows:

(30 ILCS 500/20-10)

Sec. 20-10. Competitive sealed bidding; reverse auction.

(a) Conditions for use. All contracts shall be awarded by competitive sealed bidding except as otherwise provided in Section 20-5.

(b) Invitation for bids. An invitation for bids shall be issued and shall include a purchase description and the material contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement.

(c) Public notice. Public notice of the invitation for bids shall be published in the Illinois Procurement Bulletin at least 14 days before the date set in the invitation for the opening of bids.

(d) Bid opening. Bids shall be opened publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the invitation for bids. The name of each bidder, the amount of each bid, and other relevant information as may be specified by rule shall be recorded. After the award of the contract, the winning bid and the record of each unsuccessful

bid shall be open to public inspection.

(e) Bid acceptance and bid evaluation. Bids shall be unconditionally accepted without alteration or correction, except as authorized in this Code. Bids shall be evaluated based on the requirements set forth in the invitation for bids, which may include criteria to determine acceptability such as inspection, testing, quality, workmanship, delivery, and suitability for a particular purpose. Those criteria that will affect the bid price and be considered in evaluation for award, such as discounts, transportation costs, and total or life cycle costs, shall be objectively measurable. The invitation for bids shall set forth the evaluation criteria to be used.

(f) Correction or withdrawal of bids. Correction or withdrawal of inadvertently erroneous bids before or after award, or cancellation of awards of contracts based on bid mistakes, shall be permitted in accordance with rules. After bid opening, no changes in bid prices or other provisions of bids prejudicial to the interest of the State or fair competition shall be permitted. All decisions to permit the correction or withdrawal of bids based on bid mistakes shall be supported by written determination made by a State purchasing officer.

(g) Award. The contract shall be awarded with reasonable promptness by written notice to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation for bids, except when a State purchasing officer determines it is not in the best interest of

the State and by written explanation determines another bidder shall receive the award. The explanation shall appear in the appropriate volume of the Illinois Procurement Bulletin.

(h) Multi-step sealed bidding. When it is considered impracticable to initially prepare a purchase description to support an award based on price, an invitation for bids may be issued requesting the submission of unpriced offers to be followed by an invitation for bids limited to those bidders whose offers have been qualified under the criteria set forth in the first solicitation.

(i) Alternative procedures. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the contrary, the Director of the Illinois Power Agency may create alternative bidding procedures to be used in procuring professional services under Section 1-75(a) of the Illinois Power Agency Act and Section 16-111.5(c) of the Public Utilities Act. These alternative procedures shall be set forth together with the other criteria contained in the invitation for bids, and shall appear in the appropriate volume of the Illinois Procurement Bulletin.

(j) Reverse auction. Notwithstanding any other provision

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**FUTURE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Please submit articles for the next newsletter to Catherine Link via email at [celink@co.mchenry.il.us](mailto:celink@co.mchenry.il.us)

**CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

**If you have anything that changes your membership, such as address, email, phone number, etc., please email Patti Huth at**

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**This way we make sure you are receiving all IAPPO correspondence in a timely fashion. Thank you!**