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Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing, Inc.

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Leading Public Procurement in Virginia

VAGP membership is open to individuals employed by state, county, city, town, authority, school division, or higher education government agencies or subdivisions. VAGP also offers student memberships to full-time students enrolled in an institution of higher education and are considering a career in governmental purchasing. All persons involved in the administration or management of procurement functions are strongly encouraged to join.

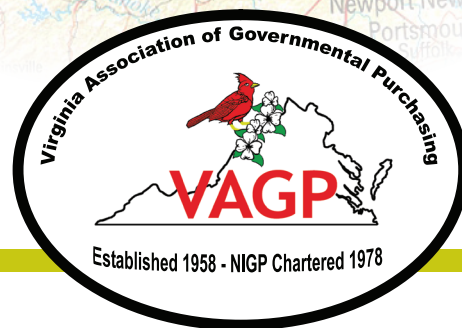


The Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing, Inc., is a chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, Inc. Chapter Member since 1978

Membership in the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing, Inc. (VAGP) provides public sector professionals the opportunity to improve their effectiveness in the field of public procurement. Membership in VAGP opens networking doors and skill improvement opportunities that may not be available to non-members.

The Purpose of VAGP is:

- » to promote professionalism in public purchasing through continued education and networking.
- » to study, discuss, and recommend legislative improvements in governmental purchasing.
- » to exchange ideas, experiences, and share advice on purchasing problems and procedures.
- » to promote uniform purchasing laws and procedures in the legislative arena.
- » to develop and promote simplified standards and specifications for governmental buying.



Benefits of VAGP Membership

NETWORKING

The resources of more than 300 public entities, represented by over 1,100 VAGP members, can easily be accessed to solve procurement-related problems, initiate new concepts, and save time and money! VAGP maintains an e-mail list serve for all members to utilize at any time when seeking advice, sample solicitations or discussing hot issues with other professionals in the industry. The exchange of information and ideas is one of the most significant benefits to VAGP membership!

EDUCATION

Seminars sponsored by VAGP, in conjunction with NIGP, are offered to promote national certification requirements and address other procurement concerns. VAGP also offers "Low Fee Seminars" that address timely procurement issues, providing a cost-effective way to obtain recertification points. Classes are held several times throughout the year at different locations around the state.

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

Each year, the Legislative Committee tracks a number of bills through the General Assembly, advising the VAGP Board of Directors and informing members of those bills enacted into law. VAGP monitors all bills introduced at each legislative session, assesses the anticipated impact, and takes a position. VAGP represents all public purchasers and seeks to establish the best procurement laws, with a shared objective of open and fair competitive procurement policies.

CONFERENCES

Twice a year VAGP members meet to participate in workshops, seminars, and networking conferences. Members are also eligible to attend the annual NIGP Forum which is an international educational and networking opportunity hosted in different locations throughout the country and Canada.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Members are eligible for two different VAGP-sponsored scholarships each year. These may be applied toward any approved professional development course that is job-related and would enhance the recipients' professional skills. Annual awards are presented to members deemed Manager of the Year, Buyer of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year, as well as other special service recognition awards.

NEWS & VIEWS

This quarterly electronic newsletter covers procurement legislation, educational opportunities, employment offerings, and other news that is pertinent to the public purchasing profession.

LOW NO ANNUAL DUES

Student memberships are FREE! Just provide a copy of your school transcript and fill out the following application.

Become a part of the state-wide VAGP procurement team!

Student Membership Application



Student memberships are available to full-time students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate curriculum in one of the following education programs (1) public or business administration, (2) public purchasing, or (3) materials management.

Full-time enrollment shall be defined as twelve (12) or more credit hours for undergraduate students and six (6) or more hours for graduate students.

A current transcript with the name of the institution and name of the student; or a current class schedule provided by the university with the name of the institution and the name of the student is to be provided with the application. This is a non-voting membership and renews annually.

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Previously been a member of VAGP in years past? Yes No

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

School / University: _____

Major: _____

Program: Undergraduate Masters Doctoral

Optional Information

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender: Female Male

Ethnicity: Caucasian African-American Hispanic/Latino
 Asian/Pacific Islander Native American Other (_____)

How did you hear about VAGP? Mailing VAGP Member Online
 Faculty/Career Counselor Other (_____)

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