



Charting the Course to Galveston, Texas

Prepare to SHOP!

Yes, that's right, SHOP at the Products Exposition at the Conference in Galveston! The Products Exposition for the 2007 Conference is shaping into quite an event! Thank you to all the exhibitors and sponsors signed up so far. They are:

Komatsu America, Blauer Manufacturing Company, Ion Wave Technologies, Inc., Brother International, HD Supply, HGAC Buy, Herman Miller Inc., The Gordian Group, Planetbids, Inc., Baystone Financial Group, Bank of America, Rene Bates Auctioneers, TYMCO International, Ltd., Cogan Research and Technology, Poston Equipment Sales, Daimler Chrysler, Lone Star Auctioneers, National Bankers Supply, Inc., MSC Industrial Direct, John Deere Co., Staples Business Advantage, Graybar Electric Co., National Intergovernmental Procurement, Public Purchasing Association of North Central Texas.

As you can see, there will be quite a variety of exhibitors attending the conference to network with the membership. This is an excellent opportunity for members to establish relationships with suppliers and create a win-win situation for your company and theirs. Not only will the exhibitors and sponsors attend the Products Exposition, they have also been invited to attend other events throughout the conference to better familiarize themselves with our industry and also to provide you with valuable information in their industry.

As most conferences go, the suppliers in the conference area will be more prominent due to the location of this year's conference....TEXAS! So if you are a member and do business in Texas with Texas suppliers, please refer them to the NPI website www.npicconnection.com/events/documents/GalvestonVendorBrochure.pdf to register as an exhibitor. This conference will be only as successful as the members who get involved!

Exhibits/Sponsorships Committee:

Penny Marchell, C.P.M.
Ron Williamson



CERTIFICATION EXAMS

C.P.M., CPPB, CPPO, and CPPO bridging certification exams will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at the National Purchasing Institute's 39th Annual Conference and Products Exposition at Moody Gardens Hotel & Spa in Galveston, Texas.

Attendees wishing to take any of the exams at the NPI Conference must pre-register with appropriate agencies prior to the conference. Walk-ins cannot be accepted for any of the exams.

For those wishing to take any of the C.P.M. modules please contact Craig Rowley, C.P.M., Executive Director, National Purchasing Institute by calling 1-702-989-8095 no later than August 18, 2007.

Those who already possess a C.P.M. may take the CPPB and/or CPPO Bridging exam. Applications for the CPPB and CPPO designation must be submitted to the UPPCC six to eight weeks prior to the test date. Upon acceptance of your application, the UPPCC will notify you of your eligibility to take the exam and provide testing information. See the UPPCC website for information and application instructions at www.uppcc.org. If you have already applied for UPPCC certification, and want to take advantage of this testing opportunity, please contact Ms. Kitty Campbell at 1-800-367-6447, Ext. 236 by August 30, 2007.



Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers

WAYNE CASPER RECEIVES FAPPO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Wayne Casper was presented with the George H. Wolf Award at the Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officer's 40th Annual Conference and Trade Show in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on May 2, 2007.

This distinguished service award was created in 1994 to honor those who have made a significant contribution to the association. George H. Wolf was the first recipient as he had been a founding member and past president. In 2004, his name was added to the award.

FAPPO President Dave Nash stated that "Wayne is the first non-FAPPO member to receive the award. I felt that his work with the AEP award was of great benefit to our members and their agencies in giving them an opportunity for recognition, as well as, prompting them to improve themselves and their processes. This in turn has influenced our own entity awards that we give annually. He has been a friend and supporter of FAPPO as long as I have known him and a professional in every sense of the word."

CONGRATULATIONS WAYNE!!



NPI Conference Registration Online!

Online registration available for the 39th Annual Conference & Products Exposition by visiting the following link:

<https://ssl.nelix.com/npi/eventbuilder/registration/index.asp?eventid=2&eventtitle=Delegate+Registration+for+39th+Annual+Conference+and+Products+Exposition>

Delegate Brochure for the 39th Annual Conference & Products Exposition can be viewed by visiting the following link:

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