



Iowa Public Procurement Association
IPPA 2024 Spring Meeting & Training Conference
May 8, 2024

Terry Trueblood Lodge
579 McCollister Blvd
Iowa City, IA

Program

8:15 – 9:00 am	Registration, Networking and Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 am	Welcome, Chandra Wojno, IPPA President
9:15 - 10:00 am	Sustainable Procurement: Drive Positive Change & Promote Innovation in Purchasing Alyssa Wilbur, Program Officer, ICLEI USA & Dr. Missy Stults, Sustainability & Innovation Director, City of Ann Arbor, MI
10:00 - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 – 11:45 am	Software Purchases. What's Your Strategy? Bill Davison, Master NIGP Instructor
11:45 - 12:15 pm	Business Meeting
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 – 2:00 pm	Sustainable Fleet Strategies Dr. Sam Pournazeri, Director of Clean Transportation and Energy, ICF & Sarah Gardener, Climate Action Coordinator, City of Iowa City
2:00 - 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 – 3:00 pm	Tour of Iowa City Public Works Facility, Built to LEED Standards

NIGP is a national, membership-based non-profit educational and technical organization providing support to professionals in the public sector purchasing profession

NIGP & UPPCC approved 3.5 credit hours for this day of training



9:15 to 10:00: Alyssa Wilbur of ICLEI USA and Dr. Missy Stults of the City of Ann Arbor will discuss Sustainable Procurement: Drive Positive Change and Promote Innovation in Purchasing.

Alyssa will discuss why Sustainable public procurement (SPP) is an important tool local governments need to leverage to advance climate action and achieve ambitious goals. When implemented in a holistic approach, SPP can generate social and economic benefits in communities related to fair wages, accessibility, social inclusion, employment rates, job growth, local innovation, and decreased life cycle costs.

Through her role as a Program Officer with ICLEI USA, Alyssa Wilbur provides direction and support to local governments, regions, and tribal nations seeking to achieve ambitious climate and sustainability goals. Alyssa leads ICLEI USA's Circular Pathway, developing technical assistance offerings and best practice guidance for local governments looking to advance more circular economies in their regions.

Dr. Missy Stults is the Sustainability and Innovations Director for the City of Ann Arbor. In this role, she works with all city operations, residents, businesses, the University of Michigan, nonprofits, and others to achieve a just transition to community-wide carbon neutrality by 2030, as outlined in the A²ZERO Carbon Neutrality Plan. Prior to joining the City, Missy worked with cities and tribal communities around the nation to advance their climate and sustainability goals, including during her time as the Climate Director at ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability and as a consultant to philanthropic organizations. Missy has a PhD in urban resilience from the University of Michigan, a Masters in Climate and Society from Columbia University, and undergraduate degrees in Marine Biology and Environmental Science from the University of New England.

10:15 to 11:45 - Master NIGP Instructor Bill Davidson Will discuss Software Purchases. What's your Strategy?

Bill Davidson has a Masters in Acquisition and Contract Administration from Florida Tech, and B.S. in Economics from the University of Minnesota. During the pandemic Bill was a Senior Strategic Sourcing Officer for Santa Clara County California. He worked with the medical team sourcing medical equipment and PPE.

Previously Bill was the Director of Purchasing for Stearns County MN responsible for supervising the purchase of all goods and services. He has developed numerous RFP's for several enterprise software systems, website projects and professional services including; County financial system, Zoning and planning consultants, architects and automation of Law Enforcement operations and 800 MHz radio

Bill has authored several procurement texts; He is the co-author of the 2004 LEAP Contract Administration text and was the text editor for the 1999 Intermediate Public Procurement text, lead author and project manager for the 2000 Contract Management text. Bill has had several research papers on contract administration accepted for publication and is an internationally recognized expert in the field of procurement and contract administration.

1:15 to 2:00: Dr. Sam Pournazeri of ICF and Sarah Gardener will discuss Sustainable Fleet Strategies.

Dr. Sam Pournazeri is an accomplished expert in advanced transportation technologies, data analytics, emissions, and energy modeling, and has over 10 years of experience in sustainable freight strategies. As the Director of Clean Transportation and Energy at ICF, he is leading the company's municipality fleet electrification program, providing tailored solutions to meet the unique needs of each client. With a focus on supporting cities in their transition to zero-emission technologies, Sam has already helped numerous municipalities, including City of Raleigh, City of Lodi, City of Laguna Beach, and City of Pittsburg, in their fleet electrification efforts. He has a PhD in Mechanical Engineering and is a certified Professional Engineer with the State of California.

Sarah J. Gardner is the Climate Action Coordinator for the City of Iowa City. A graduate of the University of Iowa with a master's degree in urban and regional planning, Sarah has led projects focused on electric vehicle readiness, alternative energy, transit and active transportation, recycling, and climate preparedness for communities in Iowa and Illinois. Prior to joining the staff of Iowa City, Sarah worked on EV projects for the electrification division of Interstate Power and Light, a utility serving communities in Iowa and Wisconsin, and with the Iowa Clean Cities Coalition.

2:15 to 3:00: City of Iowa City Public Works staff will host a Building Tour of the Public Works Facility.

The 99,294 square foot Public Works building was built to LEED standards and features many energy-efficient design elements, including 40 skylights, translucent polycarbonate walls, LED lighting, a variable refrigerant flow (VRF) cooling system and a solar array.

Since completing construction in 2019, the building has received several recognitions, including awards from the American Public Works Association, the American Institute of Architects, and MidAmerican Energy for its innovative, sustainability-focused design.