

AEP Deadline Fast Approaching
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TxPPA is a principal sponsor of the National Purchasing Institute's Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award.

I encourage you to review the criteria and consider submitting an application. The AEP application process has challenged and motivated our department to stay on the leading edge of purchasing related technology. We are continually striving to provide the most efficient purchasing practices to our departments, vendors, and ultimately to the citizens we serve.

Objectives of the AEP:

- Recognize organizational excellence in public and non-profit procurement;
- Encourage development of excellence;
- Provide benchmarks for continued excellence; and
- Increase awareness of public procurement as a profession.

Information about the award and how to submit an application can be found at <http://www.npicconnection.com/aep/instructions.asp>. The application can be submitted either manually or electronically. **The deadline for submission is May 29, 2009.**

In addition, NIGP is hosting a FREE webinar:

How to Apply for the 14th Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award
March 12, 2009 1:00 PM - 2:30 ET

Click here to register online:

<https://www.nigp.org/common/eComm/shoppingcart.asp?pagemode=productsearchresults&producttype=4&ProdHeadId=22815&Mode=webinars>

Or you can print and fax Registration Form

<http://www.nigp.org/educate/WebAEPAwardReg.pdf>

Registration closes Wednesday, March 9 at 5 PM EST

Who Should Attend: This course is designed for anyone interested in their organization applying for the 14th Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award. The session will include successful criteria submission and an overview of the AEP on-line application.

Course Objectives: Upon completion, each participant in the webinar should be able to:

- * Apply for the Achievement of Excellence in Public Procurement Award,
- * Encourage development of excellence,
- * Provide benchmarks for continued excellence, and
- * Increase awareness of public procurement as a profession

Course Outline

- * Review the history of the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award program
- * Review the AEP criteria
- * Discuss the application evaluation & scoring process
- * Provide helpful hints in submitting an AEP application
- * Discuss how & when successful applicants are notified and where the AEP trophy is presented