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PSC Recognized for Excellence in Procurement

The [National Association of Educational Procurement](#) (NAEP) recently tipped its hat to the University of Colorado – recognizing the Procurement Service Center (PSC) for Excellence in Procurement at the NAEP Annual Meeting in Atlanta last month.

The award acknowledges the procurement department's contribution to, and support of, the institutional mission of the University of Colorado.

About NAEP

NAEP's mission is to facilitate the development, exchange, and practice of effective and ethical procurement principles and techniques within higher education and associated communities, through continuing education, networking, public information and advocacy.

Founded in the 1920s, the association's current membership includes over 1,000 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

PSC Staff News: Presentations at Annual NAEP Meeting

Very much in tune with this year's theme – Explore. Engage. Innovate. – PSC staff delivered several presentations at the NAEP (National Association of Educational Procurement) Annual Meeting in Atlanta last month.

Assistant Vice President & Chief Procurement Officer Sandy Hicks joined colleagues Doreen Murner (CEO, NAEP) and Jim Knight (Co-Founder, Pathstone Partners) in a session on **Rebranding Procurement**. Their focus was on developing a re-branded vision for higher education procurement. What characteristics are essential to a brand? What key elements must be present in a Vision statement?

Director of Strategic Procurement Duane Tucker collaborated with David Duhn (Contract Manager, NJPA) to present **Redefining the Coop Contract Model**.

Their session provided an overview of the evolution of cooperative contracts. This included a deep dive into supplier/institution collaborations and a vision to make these contracts an even more effective tool.

Congratulations to both on successful sessions!

FY 2015 Procurement Cutoff Reminder

Fri, May 22 - last day to submit large-dollar (over \$5,000) requisitions that will use FY 2015 funds. Requisition comments must state that the purchase must be received by June 30, 2015.

Colorado Higher Ed Procurement Summit

On April 30, 2015, the PSC was pleased to host the Colorado Higher Education Procurement Summit in Denver.

Procurement professionals from all of the state's public institutions of higher education were invited to meet, share information, identify best practices, and expand their professional networks. The 50 participants enjoyed a full agenda of presentations:

- Professional Presence - Christie Ward of Impact Institute
- Mind Xchange - roundtable to discuss multiple topics and share best practices
- Saving Time, Adding Value, Sharing Contracts - Duane Tucker (Director of Strategic Procurement, CU) and Cristal Swain (Executive Director, Purchasing & Contracts, University of Northern Colorado)
- Supplier Panel - supplier reps from Thermo Fisher Scientific, Staples Advantage, and Konica Minolta share views on doing business with higher education institutions
- Ethics: where do you draw the line? - Charlene Lydick (Director of Procurement Operations, CU)
- Promoting Procurement - Sandy Hicks (Assistant Vice President & Chief Procurement Officer, CU)

Overall, a great success! We hope to make the Summit a regular event.

Record Crowd at Hospitality Expo 2015

Dreary clouds and steady rain did not deter a large crowd from attending the Hospitality Expo at the Anschutz Medical Campus this month.

We were delighted to see almost 700 CU faculty and staff, along with Anschutz affiliates, as they braved the weather to view exhibits by hotels, conference centers, caterers, and event service providers.

Hospitality Expo Exhibitor Directory

Want to follow up with the suppliers who were involved in the Hospitality Expo? Take a look at our [2015 Hospitality Expo Exhibitor Directory](#).

Catch up with the hotels, conference centers, caterers, and event service providers who participated and view this year's online exhibitor list.