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## PSC Staff News: SciQuest Conference Presentation

Associate Vice President & Chief Procurement Officer **Sandy Hicks** and Director of Procurement Systems **Sarah Rowe** collaborated on a presentation last month at the SciQuest Regional Users Group Meeting in San Diego.

The two discussed Sourcing Director – a module in SciQuest that allows the management, publication, and capture of supplier responses for bid events. The University of Colorado implemented Sourcing Director in October 2014 as a Development Partner with SciQuest. Since that time, CU has published over 130 events, awarding more than \$2.5 million.

The session described CU's experience with the system, including what has worked well and lessons learned.

## Welcome, New Staff!

The PSC is pleased to welcome **Michele Serine** and **Jaime Mendez** to the Procurement Systems team.

In her role as Procurement Systems Analyst, Michele will focus on systems enhancements and project management. Michele comes to us from Crocs Inc. She brings a diverse set of skills ranging from project management/business analysis to procurement and finance.

In her role as Procurement Systems Administrator, Jaime will focus on ensuring that existing integrations are functioning properly as well as testing new features and maintenance releases. Jaime comes to us from the Colorado School of Mines, where she worked on their ERP Systems Team. She previously worked in CU's Office of University Controller during the initial implementations of Concur and CU Marketplace.

Welcome to the PSC, Michele and Jaime!

## PSC Hosts Strategic Procurement Institute

The Procurement Service Center (PSC) once again hosted the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP) Strategic Procurement Institute in Denver this month.

We welcomed procurement professionals from institutions of higher education across the nation for several learning-filled days, August 31 - September 2, 2015. Our purpose was to explore the challenges associated with supporting higher education strategic goals through procurement management and initiatives. The Institute program covers theory and methodology of the leading strategic procurement practices, as well as their practical applications.

Among the topics featured at this year's Strategic Procurement Institute were:

- Background and perspective about the meaning and importance of Strategic Procurement;
- Key enablers, theories, and leverage points involved in the Strategic Procurement disciplines of opportunity assessment, business case development, cost management execution, and supplier relationship management;
- Practical methodologies and templates to enhance the practice of Strategic Procurement; and,
- A framework to assess organizational readiness to create value through Strategic Procurement.

After three stimulating days, participants returned to their respective schools ready to put the new ideas and methodologies into practice.