

April 23, 2019

Sandy Hicks Retirement

Please join us in extending best wishes to Associate Vice President & Chief Procurement Officer Sandy Hicks on the occasion of her retirement on May 10, 2019. Sandy has been part of the University of Colorado for more than 37 years.

Sandy has a Bachelor's degree from CU Boulder. Her first job at CU was as student worker in the Boulder Department of Athletics, where she sold football tickets. She subsequently worked in the Athletic Business Office.

In 1988, she began her professional career as a purchasing agent in the Boulder Campus Office of Buying and Contracting, which was then located in the Stadium building. In June 1999, she transferred to CU System's newly created Procurement Service Center (PSC).

In April 2000, Sandy was promoted to Purchasing Director. Eight years later, she was appointed Assistant Vice President & Chief Procurement Officer. The position was elevated to Associate Vice President in July 2015.

Under Sandy's leadership, the PSC has implemented national benchmarking standards in the procurement arena and has emerged as a leader in higher education procurement. She was also instrumental in leveraging legislative flexibility to create a model procurement operation. PSC team members frequently contribute key presentations to local, regional, and national professional events, and serve on a number of professional committees. During her tenure as CPO, the PSC implemented technology to support travel and expense management and e-procurement (online catalogues/shopping experience in the Marketplace).

Sandy notes, "I have enjoyed my career at CU, building a world class procurement organization that we can all be proud of. I have had amazing opportunities and the privilege of working with outstanding leaders, including President Bruce Benson, Vice President & CFO Todd Saliman, Senior Associate VP & CBO Geoff Barsch, and Senior Vice Chancellor & CFO-Boulder Campus Kelly Fox. I recognize the incredible staff of the PSC for all they do to assist CU in accomplishing its mission. I have wonderful memories of my time at CU and look forward to enjoying the freedom that retirement will bring to my world."

Please join us in wishing her well in her new ventures: Sandy.Hicks@cu.edu or 303.764.3456.



Sandy receives CU System's Excellence in Leadership Award (October 2016).

Staff News:

Jon Sanders Promoted



We're happy to announce that Payables team member Jon Sanders was recently promoted to the position of Commercial Card Program Specialist.

Jon initially joined the PSC in March 2018 as a Payables Specialist, moving here from California.

In his new role, he is responsible for day-to-day management of the commercial card program and procurement card compliance. He reports to Director of Payment Services and Travel Mary Martin.

You can reach him at Jon.Sanders@cu.edu or 303.764.3428. (Note: For general commercial card questions, we recommend that you contact Procurement.Card@cu.edu.)
Congratulations, Jon!

Staff News:

Teresa Rausch Recertifies as CPSM

We're pleased to congratulate PSC Director of Procurement Operations Teresa Rausch. She recently completed her recertification as a CPSM, or Certified Professional in Supply Management, through the Institute for Supply Management (ISM).

Founded in 1915, ISM has over 50,000 members in 100 countries. The CPSM designation denotes a high level of professionalism, experience, and focus on strategic supply management, containing the most comprehensive body of knowledge in this area.

PSC Closed: Tuesday Afternoon, April 30

Our office will be closed next week (Tuesday, April 30, in the afternoon) for a staff event.



Upcoming PSC Events

We'll be on your campus soon with these events:

Travel & Hospitality Expo 2019

CU Anschutz Medical Campus

■ Thursday, April 25

[Registration is still available for this event.](#)

We hope to see you there!