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**The Texas Public  
Purchasing Association  
TxPPA**

**The first multi-agency organization for  
Public Purchasing Professionals across the  
great state of Texas**

***Announces***

**Annual Sponsorships**

**A golden opportunity**



## **About TxPPA**

**Announcing the formation of a new statewide association for public purchasing professionals - The Texas Public Purchasing Association!** *This new organization began its journey on January 1, 2008, and we would like to invite you to join us.*

### **What is TxPPA?**

*In November 2006, the Texas County Purchasing Association and the Texas Purchasing Management Association agreed to merge and the Texas Public Purchasing Association (TxPPA) is the result. TxPPA will be the very first Texas statewide, multi-agency public purchasing organization.*

*A Foundation Committee was formed, consisting of representatives from cities, counties, schools, special districts, state agencies and higher education. This Committee has been diligently working to ensure TxPPA's success. The first Board of Directors was appointed from within this Foundation Committee to ensure a smooth transition.*

### **Why was TxPPA formed?**

*TxPPA was formed to bring together public purchasers from across Texas. In Texas, there are*

- ★ 254 counties;*
- ★ over 1700 cities;*
- ★ over 140 hospitals;*
- ★ over 1000 independent school districts; and*
- ★ over 400 other entities, including community colleges, COGS, airports and other special districts.*

### **The goals and objectives of TxPPA are to:**

- ★ Establish cooperative relationships among its members;*
- ★ Promote ethical standards of conduct;*
- ★ Promote uniform public purchasing laws and simplified standards and specifications;*
- ★ Provide informed counsel to other members;*
- ★ Collect and disseminate useful information;*
- ★ Promote the interchange of ideas and experiences;*
- ★ Encourage research and investigation;*
- ★ Strive to advance the purchasing profession; and*
- ★ Facilitate open communication and cooperation among all public purchasing professionals*

## ***About TxPPA***

### **TxPPA Annual Events**

#### **✪ Spring Workshop:**

- ★ *This workshop will be held every year in Austin.*
- ★ *Educational offerings and special sessions on legislative issues.*

#### **✪ Summer Conference - Momentum:**

- ★ *The Momentum Conference at South Padre Island is an established educational and networking event that has been well-attended for over 10 years.*
- ★ *The National Association of Purchasing Management, Rio Grande Valley has agreed to transition this conference to TxPPA.*

#### **✪ Fall Workshop:**

- ★ *This workshop will be held in a different location each year in an effort to make educational opportunities more accessible to every public purchaser in the state.*
- ★ *Educational offerings will include public procurement basics, management, and current topics of interest and concern.*

### **The TxPPA Board of Directors:**

#### **✪ President:**

- ★ *Jack Beacham, C.P.M., Tarrant County*

#### **✪ Vice President:**

- ★ *Cheryl Turney, C.P.M., City of College Station*

#### **✪ Secretary:**

- ★ *Kay Foster, C.P.M., Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport*

#### **✪ Treasurer:**

- ★ *Adrian Garcia, San Benito Independent School District*

#### **✪ Directors:**

- ★ *Carol Cooper, C.P.M., City of Garland*
- ★ *Narita Holmes, C.P.A., CIA University of Texas, Permian Basin*
- ★ *Gary Kerbow, RTSBA, Carrollton/Farmers Branch Independent School District*
- ★ *Frank Ybarbo, Collin County*
- ★ *Temporarily Vacant, State Agency Representative*

## ***About Annual Sponsorship***

### **What will it cost?**

*Annual Sponsorship covers the period of January 1 through December 31 each year. The cost is \$3,600 for the 2008 Calendar Year.*

### **What are the benefits of Annual Sponsorship?**

#### **⊕ The Obvious:**

- ★ *TxPPA is going to be big...Really Big! With the merger of TCPA and TPMA, we start out with well over 300 members. Now, with the addition of school districts and state agencies alone, we expect membership to double and it might even triple in the first year. After that, do the math...with so many public purchasing agencies in Texas, think of the number of people that will get to know you and your company!*

#### **⊕ Marketing Benefits:**

- ★ *TxPPA will list its Annual Sponsors on its website for the entire year. Website recognition will include contact information and a link to their website.*
- ★ *TxPPA will display the names of its Annual Sponsors at all sessions of all three TxPPA annual events and print the names in event literature, such as programs.*

#### **⊕ Other Benefits:**

- ★ *TxPPA will allow one individual from each Annual Sponsoring firm to attend the training sessions at each of the three TxPPA events at half the member price.*

## ***About the Agreement***

- ✧ **Acceptance:** *All applications for Annual Sponsorship will be reviewed and accepted by the Board of the Texas Public Purchasing Association. The TxPPA Board reserves the right to deny Annual Sponsorship status to any firm for any reason.*
- ✧ **Agreement Period:** *The Annual Sponsorship term shall be from January 1 through December 31.*
- ✧ **Renewals:** *Annual Sponsors will be able to renew their Annual Sponsorship each year after the initial year.*
- ✧ **Termination:** *TxPPA may terminate the Agreement and revoke Annual Sponsorship status and rights in the event the sponsoring firm is named in an indictable offense or commits other acts of misconduct that would reflect negatively on TxPPA, in the sole opinion and judgment of the TxPPA Board. Agreement may also be terminated for cause if the Sponsor does not comply with the terms of the Agreement.*

*In the event TxPPA terminates the agreement for convenience, all rights will immediately be revoked and any prepaid compensation will be reimbursed on a prorated basis. In the event TxPPA terminates the agreement for cause, no refund will be made. In the event that the Agreement is terminated by the Sponsor for its convenience, no refund will be made, but future payment obligations will be discharged.*

## *Annual Sponsorship Application*

### TEXAS PUBLIC PURCHASING ASSOCIATION

NAME OF FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, I want to be an Annual Sponsor!
- Please send me an invoice in the amount of \$3,600 (full year prepaid amount)
- No, thank you.
- I am not interested in becoming an Annual Sponsor this year, but please contact me about TxPPA sponsorship opportunities in the future.
  - I am not interested in this or future TxPPA sponsorship opportunities. Please remove me from your mailing list.

#### Send this application to:

Texas Public Purchasing Association

Attention: Rob Cox

100 E Weatherford St #303

Fort Worth, TX 76196

Fax: 817-884-2629

Email: [rcox@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:rcox@tarrantcounty.com)

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