



# **SYLLABUS**

## **Procurement in California**

### **Course Description**

This course is designed specifically for public procurement professionals in California. The various laws associated with procurement and contracting in the public sector will be covered, including Public Contract Code Chapter 2.1. While California procurement regulations are similar to those of other states, there are specific requirements that its procurement workforce needs to be aware of.

### **Online Format**

This course is delivered entirely online and can be completed at a pace determined by the student. A variety of learning methods will be used including the following:

- Instructional videos on key concepts
- Reading assignments on specific procurement topics
- Research on leading procurement practices
- Writing assignments consisting of short topical papers
- Online examinations focusing on key concepts

### **Course Objectives**

The objective of this course is to introduce students to methods of public procurement in California. Students will learn about the Code requirements for the procurement of materials, goods, services, and construction. At the conclusion of the course, participants should be able to do the following:

- Acquire an understanding of the legislative intent of the Public Contract Code
- Consider the nuances of competitive procurement in California
- Identify key terminology associated with procurement and contracting in California
- Gain an appreciation for the flexibility allowed by the Public Contract Code

### **Resources**

All resources needed for this course will be provided at no additional cost. This includes industry articles, procurement case studies, and topical videos.

### **Contact Hours**

Upon completion of this online course you will receive a Certificate of Completion for eight (8) contact hours (CH) of continuing education which can be downloaded from your online account. All our courses qualify for CH credit for certification programs offered by UPPCC, NIGP, ISM, and NCMA.



## Course Outline

Module	Topics
1	Legislative Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legislative intent</li><li>• History of Public Contract Code</li><li>• Reasons for competitive bidding</li></ul>
2	Construction Contracting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Definitions and terminology</li><li>• Bidding thresholds</li><li>• Special Requirements</li></ul>
3	Purchase of Goods and Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Definitions and terminology</li><li>• Competitive bidding requirements</li><li>• Recycling and Small Business Usage</li></ul>
4	Additional Provisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exemptions to Bidding</li><li>• Conflicts of Interest</li><li>• Remedies and Penalties</li></ul>

## Instructor

This course is developed and led by Darin Matthews, FNIGP, CPPO, CPSM, NIGP-CPP. He brings over 25 years of procurement management experience and is one of the most widely published practitioners in the world. In addition to authoring several books and articles, Darin has served on the faculty for University of California, Portland State University, and Florida Atlantic University. From 2020 to 2022 he served as host of the podcast, The Evolution of Procurement. Darin holds a bachelor's degree in Business and masters degrees in Acquisition Management and Educational Technology.

## Assistance

For assistance or questions about this course please feel free to reach out to your instructor for the course. Darin Matthews, Instructor [darinmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:darinmatthews@gmail.com)