

Texas Lone Star Conference Scheduled Agenda

Day 1 Monday, May 15, 2023

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast & Registration Opens
- 8:30-8:50 Grand Ballroom Southside- Welcome and Introductions
- 8:50-10:00 Grand Ballroom Southside- Session 1 Keynote -Diane Palmer-Boeck, CPPO, PPMC, [Government Procurement and Leadership Solutions](#) - Keynote Topic: A work in progress
- 10:00-10:30 Grand Foyer- Networking Snack Break
- 10:30-12:00 Capital Ballroom I & II- Session 2 Janet Hasty, CPPO, [Government Procurement Services](#) - Specification Writing - Back to the Basics
- 10:30-12:00 Grand Ballroom Northside- Session 2 Diane Palmer-Boeck, CPPO, PPMC, [Government Procurement and Leadership Solutions](#) and Kellie Pendleton, CPO for the [City of Plano](#)– Spec Development for Advanced Purchasing Professionals
- 12:00-12:50 Grand Ballroom Southside- Lunch
- 12:30-12:45 Grand Ballroom Southside- Lunch Sponsor Presentation by [McKinstry](#)
- 12:50-1:50 Grand Ballroom Northside- Session 3 Jennifer Sulentic- [Compare CoOps](#) with Karen Gottfried, [Alamo Colleges District](#) Assistant Director of Purchasing and Contract Administration, and Jeannine Charles, MBA, [Fort Worth Housing Solutions](#) Procurement Manager - "Asking the Tough Questions with Cooperative Questions
- 12:50-1:50 Capital Ballroom I & II- Session 3 Dr. Jake Smithwick, [Center for Procurement Excellence](#)- University of North Carolina - Data Analytics for Procurement Professionals
- 1:50-2:00 Break
- 2:00-3:30 Grand Ballroom Southside- Session 4 Diane Palmer-Boeck, CPPO, PPMC, [Government Procurement and Leadership Solutions](#) and Kellie Pendleton, CPO for the [City of Plano](#) - Facilitating the RFP Process: Learn Procurement's role:
- 2:00-3:30 Capital Ballroom I & II- Session 4 Seth Ackland, [Kitchell CEM Construction](#)- Construction Management
- 3:30-3:40 Break
- 3:40-5:00 Grand Ballroom Southside- Session 5 Dustin Lanier, CPPO, [Civic Initiatives Procurement](#) and Relief Programs: A Survival Guide
- 3:40-5:00 Capital Ballroom I & II- Session 5 Dr. Jake Smithwick, [Center for Procurement Excellence](#)- University of North Carolina - Developing a High-Performing Statement of Work Workshop
- 5:00-7:00 Grand Ballroom Northside- Social Networking Event in Hotel Ballroom- Live DJ, Cash Bar, Games & More!

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Day 2 Tuesday, May 16, 2023

- 7:30 Breakfast & Registration Opens
- 8:00-8:20 Grand Ballroom Southside- Welcome & Awards Ceremony
- 8:20-9:50 Grand Ballroom Southside- Session 7 Keynote [Lourdes Coss](#), MPA, NIGP-CPP, CPPO- Leadership Topic "Beans to Marbles" The keynote is an inspirational and engaging teaching about becoming an effective procurement leader.
- 9:50-10:00 Break
- 10:00-11:30 Grand Ballroom Northside- Statler - Session 8 [Lourdes Coss](#), MPA, NIGP-CPP, CPPO- Finding the Pattern to Connection
- 10:00-11:30 Capital Ballroom I- Session 8 Janet Hasty, CPPO, [Government Procurement Services](#)- Essential Customer Services Skills for the Procurement Office
- 10:00-11:30 Grand Ballroom Northside-Beverly/Flamingo - Session 8 [Disaster Recovery Services, LLC](#): Kim Abrego, PT, DPT and Shelly Vineyard, MBA, NIGP-CPP, RTSBA - A Federal Procurement Whodunit: Follow the Clues to Optimize Federal Disaster Funding
- 11:30-12:20 Grand Ballroom Southside- Lunch
- 12:05-12:20 Grand Ballroom Southside- Grand Slam Sponsor Presentation- [Texas Air Systems](#)
- 12:20-1:20 Capital Ballroom I & II- Session 9 Dr. Jake Smithwick, [Center for Procurement Excellence](#)- University of North Carolina Vendor Debriefing and Protests: Out of the Multiverse of Madness
- 12:20-1:20 Grand Ballroom Southside- Session 9 Dustin Lanier, CPPO, [Civic Initiatives](#)- 5 Things I Wish I Knew: What Buyers and Vendors Should Know About Each Other
- 1:20-1:30 Break
- 1:30-2:30 Capital Ballroom I & II- Session 10 [Lourdes Coss](#), MPA, NIGP-CPP, CPPO - Engaging and Productive Meetings- Workshop
- 1:30-2:45 Grand Ballroom Southside- Session 10 [Narita Holmes](#)- Legislative Updates
- 2:30-5:00 Grand Ballroom Northside- Vendor Expo
- 3:00 Grand Foyer- Networking Snack Break
- 5:30-6 Bus Pickup Located in the Hotel Back Parking Lot (North Side of the Building)
- 6:00-9:30 Social Networking Event at [Globe Life Field](#)- Atlanta Braves vs. Texas Rangers- First pitch at 7:05 PM. Barbeque dinner and refreshments will be provided for all attendees in the VIP suite 205-206.

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Day 3 Wednesday, May 17, 2023

- 7:30 Breakfast Opens
- 8:00-8:10 Grand Ballroom Southside- Welcome
- 8:10-9:00 Grand Ballroom Southside- Session 13 Keynote [NIGP Business Council](#)- Jeff Peskuski, [Graybar](#) Strategic Contract Manager and Mariel Reed, cofounder and CEO of [Pavilion](#), Drew Tuller, National Public Sector Program Manager at [Office Depot](#) - That Was Then, This is Now – Why Suppliers are Still Choosing to No Bid
- 9:00-9:10 Break
- 9:10-10:30 Grand Ballroom Northside- Session 14 [Jewelie Ramos](#), CPPB, CPCP, [City of Waxahachie](#) Purchasing Manager and Matt Dobecka, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB, CPCP, [Collin County](#) Purchasing Analyst – How to prepare for the expansion of electronic payments while successfully managing your PCard Program
- 9:10-10:00 Capital Ballroom I & II- Session 14 [Phillip Ellison](#)- [AEP](#): The Pursuit of Excellence
- 10:00 - 10:30 Capital Ballroom I & II- Session 14 Belinda Sites, [NIGP](#)- NIGP Member Benefits and Overview of the [NIGP-CPP Certification](#)
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 Grand Ballroom Southside, Northside and Capital Ballroom I & II- Session 15

Round Table Discussion Break-Out Sessions by Entity Type:

- **Grand Ballroom Southside - Cities**

Moderators:

- Gary Holcomb, CPPB, CPPO, C.P.M. - City of Garland Director of Procurement & Materials Management
- Blake Williams, NIGP-CPP, MPA, CONSPEC - City of Bedford Purchasing Manager
- Andrea Anderson, City of Burleson Purchasing Agent

- **Grand Ballroom Northside- Counties**

Moderators:

- Melissa Lee, C.P.M., A.P.P. - Tarrant County Purchasing Agent
- Tracey Epps, CPPO - Denton County Assistant Director of Purchasing

- **Capital Ballroom I & II- Transportation**

Moderators:

- Geri Osinaike, CPPO, CPPB - Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) Senior Procurement Specialist
- Rebecca Bellamy, CPPB- Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Contracts Specialist