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**PUBLIC PROCUREMENT:**  
*Professionalization & Capacity Building*

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**D**riven by demand for further control over public spending, public procurement has become a key function of government. Significant technological changes, international trade and global competition have forced governments and public institutions to extend policy interests beyond cost minimization, and to pursue new challenges including innovation, competition, transparency and reforms. Further, policy makers have used public procurement as an effective policy tool.

The International Public Procurement Conference (IPPC) is the largest international public procurement conference dedicated to academic discourse and practitioner engagement. Thanks to the fertile mixture of practical experiences and academic research, IPPC draws over 400 academicians and experienced professionals from 59 countries. For 2012, IPPC aims to extend and deepen the topics of major interest that have their roots in the first IPPC event held in 2004.

## CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS

*We welcome papers that focus on public procurement from theoretical, empirical, practical and institutional perspectives. Suggested topics of focus (this is not an all-inclusive list):*

- Public procurement and institutions (law, politics, public finance);
- Public procurement systems in developing and developed countries (capacity building, reforms);
- Lessons learned (case studies, benchmarking);
- Procurement and Innovation (new technologies, e-procurement, firms' investments in R&D/innovation);
- The role of standards in procurement markets;
- Accountability and transparency (preventing corruption, ethical codes) in public procurement;
- Competition and procurement (impact on SMEs, competitiveness, antitrust);
- 2nd generation procurement reform
- Procurement processes and performances;
- Public tendering (procedures, auction design);
- Handling socio-economic concerns in public procurement policies (environment, employment, SMEs);
- Administration of public procurement (structures, policies, centralization, decentralization) ; and
- Corporate governance models and public procurement.

**Submission Deadline: September 1, 2011**

*Please submit an abstract of up to 120 words (including paper title) by September 1, 2011 to:  
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## CONFERENCE FEES

The fee for the full conference is \$US 300.00 (\$US 200.00 for students and participants from third world countries). Registration should be made before July 26, 2012. Registrations paid after this deadline will be assessed a \$US 50.00 surcharge. Cancellations received at least 10 days before the conference are eligible for a 50% refund of the conference fee.

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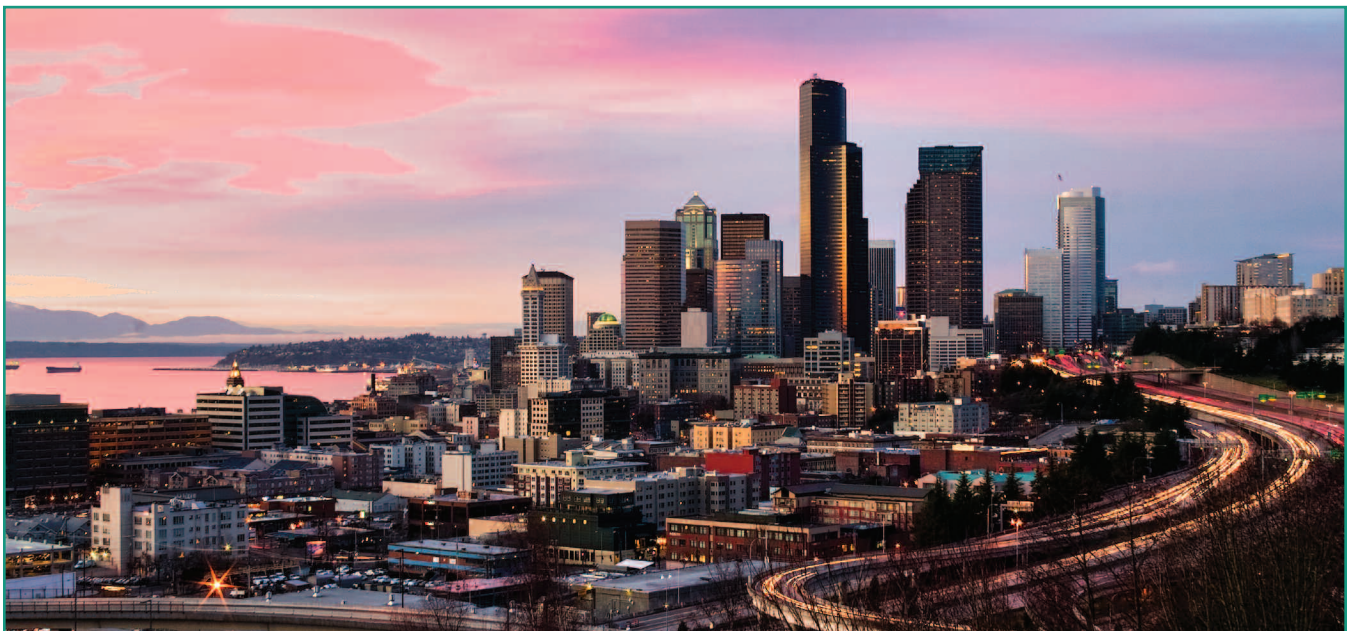
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### CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel and Washington State Convention Center in conjunction with the NIGP Annual Forum and Products Exposition.

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### ACCOMMODATIONS

IPPC5 participants will receive a discounted conference room rate of \$US 159.00 single /double occupancy (excluding tax) at the 4-diamond Sheraton Seattle Hotel, located in downtown Seattle (USA) and adjacent to the Washington State Convention Center. Hotel reservations should be made prior to August 2, 2012 by contacting the hotel directly at 1-888-627-7056. Mention NIGP when reserving your room to receive the discount rate.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### AUGUST 17

#### Morning

- Registration
- Opening Plenary Session
- Parallel Tracks

#### Afternoon

- Lunch
- Parallel Tracks
- Parallel Tracks

#### Evening

- Welcome Reception

### AUGUST 18

#### Morning

- Parallel Tracks
- Parallel Tracks
- Lunch

#### Afternoon

- Parallel Tracks
- Parallel Tracks

#### Evening

- Free Time

### AUGUST 19

#### Morning

- NIGP Annual Forum  
Global Plenary Session
- Parallel Tracks
- Parallel Tracks
- Closing Plenary Session



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