

SPD Celebrates First Wave of Certified Purchasers

The Department of Administrative Services – State Purchasing Division (SPD) has been diligently working to increase the procurement skills of State of Georgia purchasers and is now starting to reap the benefits. More than 20 Georgia purchasing professionals have successfully tested and passed all associated exams to achieve the Basic Certification or the Georgia Certified Purchasing Associate (GCPA) designation within the Georgia Procurement Certification Program.

These students are the first of more to come. SPD’s Certification Exam Committee is close to launching a second set of certification exams, those related to the RFP Certification. Once the entire Certification Program is completed, there will be six certification paths available to all State of Georgia purchasing professionals working throughout the state.

“State certification is an important feat with a definite impact on Georgia” says Dr. Mirna Barker, SPD chief learning officer. “People are seeing the value in the training and certification and they want to pursue it. This is evidence of the state purchasers’ desire to better themselves professionally and by doing so, they stand to better their work, which can only help to improve the caliber of work done by the State. It’s a domino effect.”

To receive certification, all students must pass each subject-related exam with a passing score of 80 out of a possible 100 points. Certification is an indication of competency, that an individual can perform procurement duties in accordance to State Law, the administrative rules in the Georgia Procurement Manual and the workflow established by DOAS – State Purchasing Division.

Visit the DOAS Web site to learn more about the [Georgia Procurement Certification Program](#). Or, sign up to begin your pathway to Basic Certification at State Purchasing’s [Learning Management System](#).

Congratulations, Graduates!



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Not Pictured:
Bill Filtz
and
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