

# Minnesota NIGP Awards Program



All award application forms are available on the [www.mnnigp.org](http://www.mnnigp.org) website and must be electronically submitted by November 15 to the Nominations committee chairperson; who with two chapter members will review and recommend award recipients to the Board during the December Board Meeting. Chapter Board Members are eligible for the awards; however those Board Members nominated for any of these awards will not participate on the Board Action Panel. All awards will be presented at the January meeting and recognized in the following NorthStar newsletter and on the MN NIGP website.

Candidates will be selected from nominations submitted by a supervisor, co-worker, or person familiar with the NIGP Chapter Member, or the individual can submit an application for one of the awards. All nominees shall be actively employed in public procurement and be a paid member of the MN NIGP chapter.

**Procurement Professional/Purchasing Manager of the Year Ratings** will be based on contributions and accomplishments in the areas of: purchasing, professional development, service to employer, MN NIGP and National NIGP involvement, and Professional Purchasing Related Certification(s); as outlined on the award application information.

**Distinguished Member of the Year Award** will be presented to a member of the MN NIGP Chapter who has distinguished themselves by exemplary service to the MN NIGP Chapter and the general field of purchasing over the past year. The award is a \$60 certificate to be used towards the Chapter membership dues, the Fall Conference or Chapter training.

**Richard M. Slivik, Jr. Award** may be presented to a current or past member of the MN NIGP Chapter who has been an active Chapter member and has demonstrated outstanding contributions over an extended period of time. The award nominee must: be a career public purchasing professional; involved in promoting professional purchasing; been an active participant and promoter in education and professional development; been an active leader in public purchasing organizations; been innovative in changing purchasing concepts and procedures; have high ethic and moral standards; exhibit a high regard for family and community involvement.

**Best Practices Award** will be presented to a MN NIGP agency demonstrating and documenting an innovation or Best Practice that was implemented within the past two years. Documentation must include: scope of project; challenges, and rationale for change; strategies or approaches used to implement the practice or innovation; cost of implementation; impact and benefits of implementation; cost savings realized. A library of all entries will be maintained on the website.

**Written Essay Contests:** Members are encouraged to enter any Chapter written essay contest based on topics selected by the National organization. Submissions are to be sent to the Newsletter Editor. Winners will be presented a \$25 certificate to be used towards the Chapter membership dues, the Fall Conference or Chapter training. Winning essays will be forwarded to the National contest by the Chapter Newsletter Editor on a timely basis.

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The employer of the award recipient will be notified of the award and a news release form is available for the local newsletter of all awards; which individuals are encouraged to utilize.