

## Why ETPA?

ETPA, a chapter of National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), is a non-profit association of persons engaged in governmental purchasing activities in Tennessee. Organized in 1987, ETPA exists to educate, train, advocate for and provide a voice for public procurement professionals in East Tennessee. ETPA provides a means for the exchange of ideas and experiences among governmental purchasing officials. It promotes and encourages professional competence through continuing education and training of governmental purchasing officials. Our goal is to fulfill these purposes for our members during our professional development programs.

Why join ETPA? What benefits do you get from joining? ETPA provides many member benefits:

- ✓ Access to other public procurement professionals when you need advice
- ✓ Access to newsletters, documents, surveys, templates at no cost
- ✓ Unity and strength when legislative changes are desired
- ✓ Quarterly educational sessions on a variety of relevant topics
- ✓ Quarterly newsletter full of information for the professional procurement officer
- ✓ Yearly educational conference in October
- ✓ Vendor outreach opportunities
- ✓ Professional development
- ✓ Professional comradery and friend
- ✓ Access to information and education from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing
- ✓ Opportunities to serve the profession
- ✓ Ability to see how other entities do things
- ✓ Low, low cost of membership

Your active participation in ETPA will bring many personal and professional benefits to. I am personally grateful for the opportunity of the last 20 years, to meet so many wonderful professionals, willing to share information and their experiences. Government agencies and the procurement profession are at a critical tipping point of change. Now, more than any other time, we need to re-engineer how we conduct business and provide services to the public. As a result, how we procure goods and service, our level of value, professionalism, knowledge and expertise are assessed through a magnifying lens.

Terry McKee, ETPA President 2015

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