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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

AIKO NEILL

Aiko Neill currently serves as the Director of Enterprise Contracts at the Department of Information Resources (DIR) with over 22 years of experience in public procurement and contracting. She oversees the contracts under the Enterprise Shared Technology Services (STS) program, statewide Telecommunications contracts including CCTS telephone, TEX-AN voice and data services, wireless, conferencing, and managed services, and DIR internal contracts. She has been with DIR for nearly 12 years. Prior to serving with the state and a public non-profit entity, Aiko served abroad active duty with the United States Air Force.

JESUS J. AMEZCUA, CPA

Jesus is the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services for HCDE, he oversees the financial management, investment management, debt management, procurement, compliance, tax collections, accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll departments. Dr. Amezcua is a CPA as authorized by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy and a member of the Professional Standards Committee for the Texas Society of CPAs. Jesus has been an adjunct professor for accounting, auditing, governmental and not for profit accounting, ethics and finance management, marketing, and tax and business courses for 22 plus years. He received his Doctor of Education Administration from Texas A&M University in 2014. He received his MBA in 1990, Public Accountancy in 1994, and International Logistics in 2001 from Texas A&M International University; additionally, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and Accounting in 1987.

PHILLIP VASQUEZ

Phillip has 25 years of materials management experience in developing cost effective contract strategies. Phillip has a BA from Oklahoma State University. Phillip has directed major technology procurements, major cooperative contracts, and major construction contracts. Phillip oversaw a portfolio of over \$500 million in cooperative purchasing contracts while with a large program. He has worked or collaborated with over 8 different purchasing cooperatives trying to understand what a Cooperative Purchasing Best practices. Phillip has worked for the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Region 4 ESC, and now works for Collin College. Prior to joining Collin College, Phillip founded Shepherd Government Services. He often speaks on various topics especially Cooperative Purchasing.

NICK GRIMMER

Nick Grimmer is an Assistant Attorney General in the Antitrust Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office. In private practice for about ten years before joining the Antitrust Division, Nick represented plaintiff and defendant companies in antitrust litigation and counseled clients on a wide variety of antitrust issues. Nick has been very involved in the American Bar Association's Section of Antitrust Law, serving as Counsel to the Chair and chair/vice-chair of numerous committees. Nick also chaired and served in other officer positions in the Houston Bar Association's Antitrust Section. He graduated from the University of Houston Law Center in 2008, and enjoys golf, playing guitar and drums, and spending time with his wife, baby boy, and wrinkly bulldog.

CAROL COOPER, CPM., CPSM, CPPO

Carol has been providing consulting and training on procurement and professional development topics at conferences, workshops and governmental work-sites since 1996. Prior to retirement from the City of Garland, Texas in 2011, Carol was the Director of Materials Management. She was actively employed in the purchasing and supply profession since 1978. She has both public and private sector experience in a variety of industries. Carol has served on the Board of Directors for ISM-Dallas, ISM Southwest Forum and BuyBoard. She is a Charter member of the Texas Public Purchasing Association and served on the TxPPA Board of Directors. Carol is a co-founder of N&C Consulting, specializing in procurement solutions. Carol is a graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas and holds a lifetime C.P.M. and CPPO.

NARITA K. HOLMES, MBA, CPA., CIA, Lecturer in Accountancy and Compliance and Title IX Coordinator, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, and Purchasing Consultant

A C.P.A. in the state of Texas since 1971, Narita has extensive experience in both the financial and purchasing sectors. She served as Ector County Purchasing Agent from 1987 until she retired in 2004. Her employment includes three years with a big-eight accounting firm, fifteen years as chief financial officer for financial institutions and most recently Director of Audit and Compliance for The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Narita has been an accounting instructor at the college level and also has taught a variety of management courses including Purchasing Management. She speaks frequently on a variety of topics for workshops, conferences and in-service training. A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a BBA in Accounting, she earned an MBA in Management at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Narita is a Charter member of TxPPA and is co-founder of N&C Consulting, specializing in procurement solutions for governmental entities.

DIANE PALMER-BOECK, CPPO, CPPB

Ms. Palmer-Boeck has 23 years municipal procurement experience and 28 years' experience in public procurement, beginning with the US Army in West Germany, Redstone Arsenal, AL and Ft. Hood, TX. Diane is currently the Chief Procurement Officer at the City of Plano overseeing the activities of the Procurement, Inventory Control and Project Management Divisions. She served on the Board of Directors for the National Purchasing Institute from 1998 – 2006 and is the past president. Diane earned her degree from Edinboro University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania.

GREGORY R. HUDSON

Gregory is the CEO of Genesis Concepts & Consultants, and is known for providing integrated solutions in Corporate Advisory, Strategic Management, and Program Management. He is a certified practitioner of the Balanced Scorecard from the Kaplan and Norton Body of Knowledge; Scaled Agile Framework; and Design Thinking. Gregory is the creator of the “Business S.M.A.R.T. Grid”, a 21st Century alignment and management methodology and is a proven Senior Executive with in-depth leadership experience with proven turn-around and change management expertise. A trusted advisor among government decision-makers, Small Business Specialists, business owners, and company personnel. Prior to establishing Genesis Concepts & Consultants, Gregory served over 20 years with the U.S. Army as a Commander, Medical Human Resources Manager, Chief of Individual Training & Policy, and Operational Readiness Evaluator where he was an effective team builder and organizational leader of large-scale projects and programs. Gregory holds a BS degree in Sociology and graduated as a Reserved Officer Training Corps, Distinguished Military Graduate, from Fitchburg State University, MA.

MARK ROGERS

Mark has been providing training and consulting on public purchasing issues since retiring in 2009. Prior to his retirement in 2009, Mark was Director of Materials Management for the Austin Independent School District for twenty-four years. Prior positions include Director of Materials Management for the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque and Director of Purchasing & Support Services for Austin Community College. Mark has been speaking on public purchasing at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas since 1981 and at public purchasing seminars for the Rio Grande Valley chapter of NAPM since 1988. While Director of Materials Management at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, he was responsible for implementing the New Mexico Procurement Code. Mark has been in public purchasing since 1974. He is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin.

CYD GRIMES, CPM, CPPO

Ms. Grimes was the Purchasing Agent for Travis County for over 25 years until her retirement this year. Ms. Grimes oversaw all procurement processes for commodities, professional services, and construction. She was also responsible for managing the County's Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program and accounting for and disposing of all County property. Ms. Grimes is a Past President of the Texas County Purchasing Association (TCPA) and served as the Legislative Chair for TCPA. Ms. Grimes currently serves on the Committee for the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award® established by the National Purchasing Institute (NPI). Cyd serves on the Board of the Texas Association of School Boards, Local Government Purchasing Cooperative. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and is a Certified Purchasing Manager and Certified Public Purchasing Officer.

PAMELA PERKINS

Pam was an investigator/program specialist in the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office where she worked for over 29 years before retiring. Pam graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University and completed graduate work at Southwest Texas State University. Pam investigated and worked on numerous bid rigging, price fixing, and related antitrust cases involving public procurement issues, and teaches classes throughout the state on issues and concerns with public entity purchasing.

MELITON MOYA, Ph.D

Dr. Moya earned a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology from Pan American University in 1974 and earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with a minor in Social Psychology from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1981. He spent twenty years as a public servant (Air Force, welfare, outpatient and inpatient mental health, juvenile and adult probation, public education administration, and teaching psychology and education at the college undergraduate and graduate levels.) In 1993, he founded The Process Manager, a consulting service specializing in K-12 psychoeducational management solutions. In 2013, he decided to focus on his writing career. He is now writing his third book and looking to publish his first two books along with poems and essays he has written throughout the years while also consulting with attorneys, courts and as a member of the Citizens Review Teach for Child Protective Services.

LOREZO VILLARREAL JR.

Lorenzo is a Sr. Manager for T-Mobile for Government and has been with the company for 19 years. He has served in many roles with T-Mobile including retail, small business, mid-market and government. In 2020/2021 he and his team connected student households in South Texas from over 20 school districts. Lorenzo is incredibly passionate about leading, coaching and both personal & professional growth. In his spare time he enjoys long distance running and working with youth athletes.

DAVID A. HANAWA

David has over forty-seven (47) years of consulting and contracting experience. He graduated from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas with MS in Mechanical Engineering in 1974. He spent six years with Exxon as facilities engineer working on plant design and optimization of oil and gas production facilities. He is the founder of Chemical Response & Remediation Contractors, Inc. (2000) and co-founder of Code 3, Inc. (1993), both recognized and respected environmental emergency response companies. Mr. Hanawa's project experience covers both national and international projects, including hazardous material transportation, fixed facility, railcar and oil spill emergency response services for both public and private institutions; confined space rescue; accident investigation and risk and vulnerability analysis. Mr. Hanawa has been consulting in the asbestos and indoor air quality (IAQ) fields since 1987 and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services as an individual asbestos consultant and by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation as a mold assessment consultant and mold remediation contractor. Mr. Hanawa's community service includes on the Board of Directors for Live Now Ministries – The Ark, a veteran's outreach center and Chairman of the Cameron County Local Emergency Planning Committee.