

The Value of Certification: A Panel Conversation

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Meet the Panel

- **UPPCC Representative** – Beth Harrison, CPPO & CPPB expert
- **NC Procurement Academy Representative** – NC-specific certifications, Patsy Hayes
- **Recent Graduate #1** – CPPB or CPPO
- **Recent Graduate #2** – NC Procurement Academy and/or CLGPO
- Recent graduate?

Why Certification Matters

- Validates knowledge, skills, and abilities
- Enhances professionalism and public trust
- Creates career pathways and mobility
- Improves compliance and reduces risk



Certification Landscapes

- **NC Procurement Academy – NCCM, NCP, NCPO**
- **CLGPO → CPPB → CPPO**

Local vs. Global Certifications:

- NC Procurement Academy & CLGPO = NC-specific
- CPPB & CPPO = National/International

Panel Discussion Questions

- What are the key differences between NC Procurement Academy (NCPA), CLGPO, CPPB, and CPPO?
- How do these certifications build on each other?
- What challenges did you face during the certification process?
- How has certification impacted your career and your organization?
- What advice would you give to someone considering certification?

Overcoming Barriers

- Time commitment → Use a study plan
- Cost → Employer reimbursement, scholarships
- Exam difficulty → Prep courses, study groups
- Others?



Resources & Next Steps



- NC Procurement Academy
- UPPCC (CPPO & CPPB)
- CLGPO Certification



Q&A

Now it's your turn!

What questions do you have
for our panelists?





PEAK
THANK YOU!

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