

DIVISION OF GENERAL SERVICES

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Upcoming Training

- 1/23, Anchorage
◆Evaluating Responsiveness
◆Protests Happen
- 2/18, Fairbanks
◆Evaluating Responsiveness
◆Protests Happen
- 3/04, Juneau
◆Evaluating Responsiveness
◆Protests Happen
- 4/15-16, Fairbanks
◆Procurement Academy
- 4/22-23, Juneau
◆Procurement Academy
- 4/28-29, Anchorage
◆Procurement Academy

Register online at
[TrainAlaska](#)

CPO Corner

The Procurement Academy, which is an intense, 1-2 day course designed to quickly bring a new procurement professional up to DGS Level I, II, or III certification, has been scheduled for April in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. An additional Level I/II class will be scheduled as necessary. If you or someone you know needs to become certified, this is the class to register for!

Updates

- ⇒ When renting a vehicle using either the in-state or nationwide vehicle rental contracts it is important to understand that the traveler renting the vehicle is responsible for that vehicle. This includes all parking tickets, moving traffic violations, lost keys, refueling fees, smoking damage, and cleaning fees.
- ⇒ New contracts for land fuels have been awarded and updates to the CAM documents are in progress.
- ⇒ DGS is about to re-solicit the statewide aircraft charter contracts, both fixed wing and helicopter. If you have any feedback on these contracts or have ideas on how to improve them, please use the [Contract Feedback Form](#) to let us know.
- ⇒ The Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy is soliciting for a nationwide contract for drugs and alcohol products and services including specimen collection,
- laboratory analysis, medical review and expert witness testimony.
- ⇒ Training Re-Certification Requirements:
- Level II - Six hours of procurement related training every three years, three of which must be DGS training.
- Level III - 12 hours of procurement related training every three years, six of which must be DGS training.
- NIGP/NAPM courses may be used to meet training requirements.
- ⇒ Because of procurement code changes, the CDs for the Small Procurement course and the Request for Alternate Procurement course are no longer valid and accepted for certification or re-certification credit.
- ⇒ The average DGS turnaround time for RAPs and waivers submitted in the first half of FY14 was **3.85 days**.

Ask a Contracting Officer...

Q: *I keep seeing the name WSCA-NASPO. What happened to WSCA (the Western States Contracting Alliance)?*

A: The National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) has always been the parent organization that the states that formed WSCA operated under. WSCA recently became a separate organization called WSCA-NASPO. They still operate as a subsidiary of NASPO but are now focused solely on cooperative purchasing. Just as before, under a WSCA-NASPO contract, one state leads a procurement that includes representatives from other states who work together to leverage the potential purchasing power of all 50 states to conduct a solicitation. WSCA-NASPO provides a framework for joining the states together, but the actual procurement is conducted by state employees.

You can learn more about WSCA-NASPO and the contracts they support at wsca-naspo.org

Have a question you'd like to ask? [E-mail it to us!](#)

