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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dirk Banks, CPPO

Hello fellow RMGPA members,

I'd like to start by thanking Ruth Smith and the Programs Committee for organizing a wonderful Summer Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Conference highlights included multiple educational opportunities ranging from win-win negotiations to break out sessions on fraud in the work place. Beyond the educational opportunities, many members attended the progressive dinner. It began with hors d'oeuvres and drinks at a local artisan's shop, and ended at the Plains Hotel with Rattle Snake Jake playing requests on an old upright piano accompanied by some of our members on a washtub/broom handle bass, with a washboard and spoons rhythm section, and multiple singers (after the adult beverages we were all singers). It was a great opportunity for members to network. Thanks again to the Programs Committee for a successful conference.

The Board of Directors participated in one of the conference's breakout study sessions on Web site guidelines and policies. This year the board has worked hard to refine the Web site guidelines and develop management procedures on the backend of the RMGPA Web site.

Early in the year the board assembled all the application information for the NIGP Chapter of the Year award. Thanks to Opal Dick, her committee and the entire board for all of your hard work – we got the application in by the April deadline. The NIGP chapter of the year will be announced at the National Forum in August.

Speaking of the NIGP National Forum, I encourage all members to attend forum in Tampa, Florida during the first week in August. It offers members educational and networking opportunities unavailable at the local level. For additional information on the National Forum, please see the link on the front page of the RMGPA Web site.

If you can't make it to Tampa, I hope to see you September 15, 2006, at our Fall Conference in Westminster, Colorado.

Sincerely,

Dirk



Conquest: It's not the mountains we conquer, but ourselves.

~ Sir Edmond Hillary



ACHIEVEMENTS February 2006 through May 2006

Congratulations to Laramie County School District #1!! They have attained NIGP's Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award. Out of 2,600 NIGP member agencies, only 91 have attained this distinction.



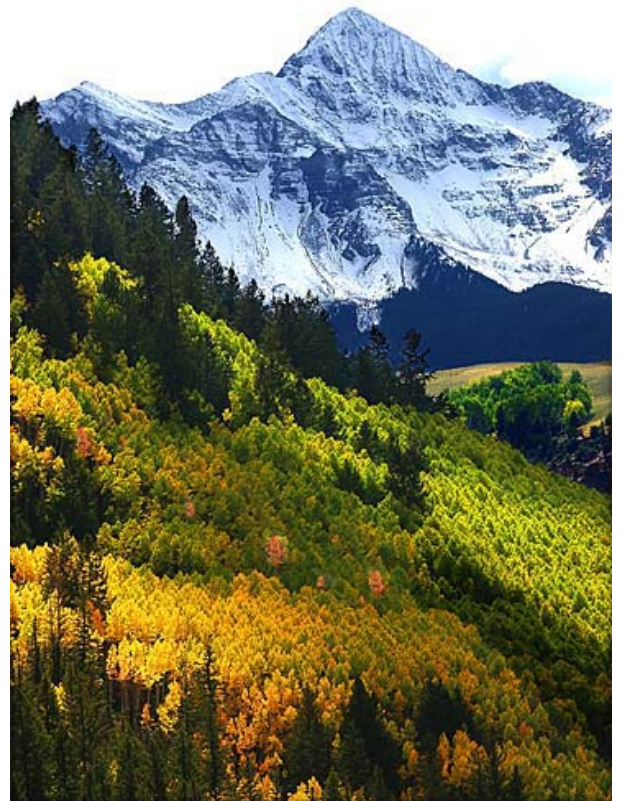
There were no new certifications during this period.



*Waiha e koe ki te iti kahurangi; ki
te tuohu koe, me maunga teitei.*

**Translation: Seek the treasure you
value most dearly; if you bow your
head, let it be to a lofty mountain.**

Maori



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NOTE: This is a new section of your newsletter. Please submit information about your fellow members to be posted in future newsletters to msieben@jeffco.us .

Mary Kirschmer has resigned as Secretary of RMGPA. She has taken a position in the private sector. **Sharon LeRoux**, CPPB, from El Paso County has been appointed to finish Mary's term. Sharon will also continue to be a member of the Awards Committee. Thank you, Sharon, and good luck, Mary!

Mike Thomas has resigned his position as Chairperson of the Chapter Enhancement Committee. **Charlene Lydick**, CPM, from the University of Colorado Procurement Service Center has volunteered to assume the duties of this important committee. Thank you Charlene and welcome to the Board!



Prayer for the 21st century

~ John Marsden

*May the road be free for the journey,
May it lead where it promised it would,
May the stars that gave ancient bearings
Be seen, still be understood,
May every aircraft fly safely,
May every traveler be found,
May sailors in crossing the ocean
Not hear the cried of the drowned,
May gardens be wild, like jungles,
May nature never be tamed,
May dangers create of us heroes,
May fears always have names,*

*May the mountains stand to remind us,
Of what it means to be young
May we be outlived by our daughters,
May we never outlive our sons,
May the bombs rust away in the bunkers,
And the doomsday clock not be rewound
May the solitary scientists, working,
Remember the holes in the ground,
May the knife remain in the holder,
May the bullet stay in the gun,
May those who live in the shadows
Be seen by those in the sun.*



HB 1343, Immigration: Creates a new Article 17.5 in Title 8, entitled *Illegal Aliens – Public Contracts for Services* and is scheduled to take effect on Aug. 7.

This legislation prohibits a state agency or political subdivision (public entity) from entering into or renewing a public contract for services with a contractor who knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal alien to perform work under the contract or who knowingly contracts with a subcontractor who knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal alien to perform work under the contract. It requires a contractor to certify before entering the contract that it does not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien and that the contractor has participated or attempted to participate in the basic pilot program to verify that it does not employ any illegal aliens.

The bill defines "public contract for services" as any type of agreement between a state agency or political subdivision and a contractor for the procurement of services. "Services" means the furnishing of labor, time or effort by a contractor or a subcontractor not involving the delivery of a specific end product other than reports that are merely incidental to the required performance. The "basic pilot program" referred to in the bill means the basic pilot employment verification program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

The reason this bill calls for immediate or near immediate attention is that it requires that contracts for public services include a number of new provisions. These provisions follow:

A provision that the contractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under the contract or enter into a contract with a subcontractor that fails to certify to the contractor that the subcontractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under the contract.

A provision stating that the contractor has verified or attempted to verify through participation in the basic pilot program that the contractor does not employ any illegal aliens and, if the contractor is not accepted into the basic pilot program before entering into a the contract, that the contractor shall apply to participate in the basic pilot program every three months until the contractor is accepted or the contract has been completed, whichever is earlier.

A provision that prohibits the contractor from using basic pilot program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while the contract is being performed.

A provision that, if the contractor obtains actual knowledge that a subcontractor performing work under the contract knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal alien, the contractor shall be required to:

Notify the subcontractor and contracting public entity within three days that the contractor has actual knowledge that the subcontractor is employing or contracting with an illegal alien.

Terminate the subcontract with the subcontractor if, within three days of receiving the notice required above, the subcontractor does not stop employing or contracting with the illegal alien, except that the contractor shall not terminate the contract with the subcontractor if during such three days the subcontractor provides information to establish that the subcontractor has not knowingly employed or contracted with an illegal alien.

A provision that requires the contractor to comply with any reasonable request by the department of labor and employment made in the course of an investigation that the department is undertaking pursuant to this legislation. *(continued)*

If a contractor violates one of the required provisions of the contract set forth above, the public entity may terminate the contract for a breach of contract and the contractor will be liable for actual and consequential damages to the public entity.

For further follow-up, you can access the State of Colorado Legislative website at the link below.
<http://www.leg.state.co.us/Clics2006A/csl.nsf/MainBills?OpenFrameSet>

(This information was provided by the Colorado Municipal League's May 26, 2006 newsletter.)



SPOTLIGHT

Marcia Sieben, CPPO, CPPB

Get To Know

Sharyn Guthridge, CPPO

Sharyn Guthridge has volunteered to serve RMGPA as its Historian. Some of you may remember Sharyn from when she served as the newsletter Chairperson many years ago (and that notorious typo for which she will always be fondly remembered).

Sharyn has worked at the Laramie County School District 1 for 25 years, starting as a temporary secretary, then becoming a fulltime employee. In the late 80's, when there was an opening in Purchasing, she went for it and found it to be a great fit. She now holds the position of Business Services Administrator and currently supervises Purchasing, Fixed Assets, Central Warehouse, Surplus, and the Centralized Print Shop. She claims it is a challenging position but she absolutely loves it and is delighted to have been a part of initiating new programs there, such as credit cards.

In no way is Sharyn ready to retire, but when she's not working she enjoys camping, 4-wheeling, hiking, and gardening (although she claims to have a thumb in various shades of brown). She says she reads 3-4 books a week and yet she still makes time to enjoy Church and friends. Oh yeah, she also loves to eat (but you wouldn't know this to look at her).

Sharyn has been married for 38 years to her wonderful husband. They have a son living in Vancouver, B.C., and a daughter closer by in Green River, Wyoming. She also boasted the delight of having 3 grandkids. One interesting note, Sharyn graduated at the same time as her son from the University of Wyoming! How amazing is that?

Having obtained her CPPB certification in 1992, Sharyn went on to get her CPPO certification in 1994. She believes RMGPA is very inspiring and we feel RMGPA is lucky to have Sharyn on the Board. Welcome back Sharyn!

Reminder #1 - It's not too late to register for the annual NIGP forum in Tampa, Florida.

<http://www.nigp.org/events/Forum.htm>

Reminder #2 Keep track of your professional accomplishments for Buyer and Manager of the year awards - coming soon!



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