In order to more effectively promote and insure professionalism in public sector procurement, NIGP and the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), jointly established the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council in 1978. The organization later changed its name to Universal Public Procurement Certification Council in 2010. The functions of the Council are as follows:

- To establish, monitor, and revise requirements for certification
- To continue research efforts relating to the certification of public buyers and procurement officers
- To coordinate with other NIGP and NASPO programs in order to further the certification of public procurement officers
- To do all things necessary and proper to promote and insure professionalism in public procurement

The UPPCC offers two distinct levels of professional certification for the public procurement professional: the Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) and the Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB). The CPPO level applies to individuals holding supervisory and/or managerial positions while the CPPB level applies to buyers at the non-management level. UPPCC programs are applicable to all public procurement personnel in federal, state and local government organizations and agencies.

About UPPCC
Values

**Integrity**
We do the right things for the right reasons.

**Excellence**
We are the standard to which others aspire.

**Service**
We act in support of the public trust.

**Collaboration**
We foster relationships to accomplish our missions.

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**VISION**
Driving Excellence in the Global Public Procurement Profession.

**MISSION**
In support of the public trust, our mission is to recognize professionalism in public procurement through the identification of a common body of knowledge and the certification of individuals against established standards of competency.
To clearly identify UPPCC’s role, brand and value among our key stakeholders.

Supporting Strategies

Continually evaluate and implement standards of practice for public procurement.

Recognize those who achieve the standard by testing and certifying against it.

Work with our stakeholders to shape the future direction of certification.

Identify educational resources that continually support our standards.

Identify UPPCC’s brand characteristics and differentiators in relation to other certification programs, including state certifications.
GOAL #2

UPPCC certification is the recognized qualification in public procurement.

Supporting Strategies

Conduct an environmental scan to assess the current state of the marketplace.

Develop a marketing and communications plan to advance the UPPCC brand and take advantage of opportunities.
To create an infrastructure that will advance the UPPCC.

Supporting Strategies

Achieve financial sustainability through innovation, product development and alternate funding opportunities.

Research and evaluate the UPPCC and other governance and operational models to ensure our organization is positioned for success.

Align our efforts with best practices relevant to possible future accreditation.