

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING AND PROPERTY AGENTS

CODE OF ETHICS

The Association believes, and it is a condition of membership, that the following ethical principles should govern the conduct of every person employed by any public sector procurement or materials management organization.

Seeks or accepts a position as head or employee only when fully in accord with the professional principles applicable thereto, and when confident of possessing the qualifications to serve under those principles to the advantage as a trusted public servant.

Believes in the dignity and worth of the services rendered by the organization and the social responsibilities assumed as a trusted public servant.

Is governed by the highest ideals of honor and integrity in all public and personal relationships, in order to merit the respect and inspire the confidence of the organization and the public being served.

Believes that personal aggrandizement or personal profit obtained through misuse of public or personal relationships is dishonest and not tolerable.

Believes that members of the Association and its officers should at no time or under any circumstances, accept directly or indirectly, gifts, gratuities or other things of value from suppliers.

Keeps the governmental organization informed, through appropriate channels, of problems and progress of application operations, but personally remains in the background emphasizing the importance of the facts.

Resists encroachment on control of personnel in order to preserve integrity as a professional manager. Handles all personnel matters on a merit basis. Political, religious, racial, gender, and age consideration carry no weight in personnel administration in the agency being directed or served.

Seeks or dispenses no personal favors. Handles each administrative problem objectively and empathetically on the basis of principles and justice without discrimination.

Encourages education, training and certification of all purchasing personnel and the sharing of knowledge and experience with the membership.

Seeks legislative change for the public good through cooperative efforts of association members.

Refrains from supplying the Association's membership list to any vendor nor will a member refer any vendor to another member without the member's expressed permission.

Subscribes to and supports the stated purpose of the Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing/Property Agents.