TxPPA Member Spotlight Information Form

Name: Shawn Willett Agency: City of Austin

Job Title: Deputy Procurement Officer

Certifications: CPPO, NIGP-CPP Number of Years in Public Purchasing: 14

How long have you been a member of TxPPA? About 3 years

Are you a member of any other Public Purchasing Associations? NIGP, TAPP, NPI, NCMA

Interesting facts about yourself that you would like to share: I started out my career in procurement in the private sector where I worked for a large automotive aftermarket company and set up a manufacturing plant in China as part of my job. I came to work for the City for what I thought would be a short break from all the travel and fell so in love with public procurement that I cannot imagine ever doing anything else.

Worst Purchasing Experience: Probably most of those ones I did when first learning how very different gov't buying is

What would you do if you were not in Public Purchasing? Be very very sad :-(

Advice for other Public Purchasers: Never be afraid to question things, too often we keep doing things not because we actually have to, or that it's the best way, but instead because nobody ever questions why we do it. And never stop learning! Our profession is ever evolving and there are always things to learn.

Additional Information that you would like TxPPA Members to know: I would highly encourage everyone to be more active in our organization. We have a truly great organization with amazing members and there are many opportunities to participate and make an impact.