TxPPA Member Spotlight Information Form

Name: Jennifer Calderon

Agency: Denton County Purchasing

Job Title: Procurement Project Manager

Certifications: CPPB, NIGP-CPP

Number of Years in Public Purchasing: 11 in May

How long have you been a member of TxPPA? Unsure of total time as a member, but I have been the Legislative Chair since November 2020.

Are you a member of any other Public Purchasing Associations? PPANCT, DFW NIGP

Interesting facts about yourself that you would like to share:

Enjoy personal development books, writing and creative arts (sketching and doodling), stickers and journaling, music, organizing, spreadsheets and color coding.... I am a homebody at heart and do not like braving the outdoors lol

Worst Purchasing Experience: probably when I had to go on site visits for an RFP for transportation of human remains. There were, well "expired" people, and I saw a toe.... otherwise, there are always challenges but they are all opportunities for us to grow and learn - nothing is wasted

What would you do if you were not in Public Purchasing? good question - something to use organization skills

Advice for other Public Purchasers:

Learn!! go the extra mile and do more than what is expected, get familiar with the laws and policies that govern your agency, and don't be shy to talk to people from other agencies - we are all learning together and can help one another. no one has all the answers & that is okay!

customer service goes a long way - be a resource for your internal and external users

challenge yourself to go outside of your comfort zone - if you go to a conference, try to network and sit with people you don't know sometimes - it's the best way to make more friends in the same industry

Additional Information that you would like TxPPA Members to know:

If you're interested in serving on any committees - just let us know; you do not have to be an expert and it will help you in many ways to develop professionally and personally