

## The MCPPO Program Celebrating 25 Years

The Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO) program is celebrating 25 years of public procurement outreach.

Education is vital for preventing fraud, waste and abuse of public funds. In response to the COVID-19 health emergency, the MCPPO program converted from a mostly in-person program to a 100 percent virtual online program. The virtual environment allowed for expanded training offerings through new classes with a greater variety of topics and scheduling options.

Since going 100 percent virtual, the program held 273 classes with 12,844 participants.



Total number of  
MCPPO classes per year:  
1997 - 13  
2021 - 110

Our newly created online classes provide the quality education public employees want and need. We are committed to our statutory mandate to prevent fraud, waste and abuse of public funds through education and technical assistance. Most of all, we are proud to serve you with our new online program.

## About Us

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) created the Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO) program in 1997 after the Legislature enacted the Uniform Procurement Act, also known as Chapter 30B. The Office found an importance in educating public employees about Chapter 30B, design and construction, and other related laws to prevent fraud, waste and abuse of government funds.

The MCPPO program is a statewide education and designation program that has trained more than 37,000 participants since 1997. We focus on giving public and private employees the tools they need to operate effectively and promote excellence in public procurement

The program offers a variety of core classes, electives and training webinars. If you are interested in hosting a class in your area or would like us to consider holding a training for your jurisdiction or organization, then please contact us at [MA-IGO-Training@mass.gov](mailto:MA-IGO-Training@mass.gov).

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Celebrating 25 years of public procurement excellence

## MCPPO Designations

Local jurisdictions in Massachusetts widely recognize the MCPPO designation as an indication that you are familiar with Massachusetts procurement practices. In fact, municipal job postings often require that the applicant have an active MCPPO designation.

The MCPPO program offers two designations:

- MCPPO
- Associate MCPPO

If you have successfully completed the required three core classes: Public Contracting Overview, Design and Construction Contracting and Supplies and Services Contracting, then you can apply for an MCPPO designation or Associate MCPPO designation.



An MCPPO designation is valid for three years. To renew the MCPPO designation, designees must be complete the following requirements within their three-year designation period:

- MCPPO Designation Renewal class within 18-months the designation expires
- Earn an additional 11 continuing education credits
- Complete and submit the MCPPO designation application (\$100 application fee)

## Certifications:

The MCPPO program offers two certifications:

- Charter School Certification
- Certification for School Project Designers and Owner's Project Managers

The Charter School certification is a requirement for all Commonwealth Charter Schools. To comply with Section 11 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1997, charter school procurement officers shall successfully complete the *Public Contracting Overview* class or earn the MCPPO designation. This certification is valid for three years.

The Certification for School Project Designers and Owner's Project Managers is a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) regulation, which requires designers and owner's project managers working on MSBA-funded school projects to earn this certification. This certification is valid for three years. To recertify, the Recertification for School Project Designers and Owner's Project Managers class must be successfully completed within their three-year certification period.

If you are interested in earning both, the MCPPO designation and the Certification for School Project Designers and Owner's Project Managers, then you may complete the four-day Certification for School Project Designers and Owner's Project Managers class in place of the *Public Contracting Overview* class.



## Designation and Certification Database

If you earned the MCPPO designation or one of the certifications, Charter School Certification or Certification for School Project Designers and Owner's Project Managers, then you may verify your active status by contacting us at [MA-IGO-Training@mass.gov](mailto:MA-IGO-Training@mass.gov). A searchable online database will be coming soon!

## MCPPO Electives and Training Webinars

The MCPPO program offers various electives and short training webinars. Visit our website for more information. If you are interested in hosting a class in your area or would like us to consider holding a virtual training for your jurisdiction or organization, then please contact us at [MA-IGO-Training@mass.gov](mailto:MA-IGO-Training@mass.gov).

## OIG Bulletin and MCPPO Announcements

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