

SGMP: Reel in Great Education



SGMP's National Education Conference (NEC) is the biggest annual event in the government meetings industry and is where government professionals from across the country come together for one-stop and non-stop education, resources and networking. The event kicks off on Tuesday afternoon and culminates with Thursday's general session. This is your best opportunity all year to master your industry's best practices and to earn up to 13 education contact hours. **For comprehensive NEC information and links to register, go to www.sgmpnec.org.**

The NEC features:

- Education sessions by industry experts on topics across the spectrum of your profession.
- Significant professional networking opportunities throughout the event, including the largest gathering of key exhibitors in the government meetings industry.
- A wide variety of optional programming—including the Certified Government Meeting Professional ("CGMP") course and exam—is also available and would add even more contact hours with your participation.

This year's expo will feature a three-part format incorporating a traditional pipe and drape show along with a luncheon education session and a regionally based dessert reception. It promises to provide the best opportunities for planners and suppliers to meet and greet in the perfect setting for each.

Now is a critical time for government meetings, and it is crucial for all participants in our industry to restore confidence in how cost-effective meetings make government more productive. By utilizing the best practices you will learn at the NEC, you will:

- Develop additional skills to position yourself as a strategic asset to your organization.
- Tap into SGMP's vast network of contacts and established partners.
- Learn new planning tools that will help you increase your quality of service.
- Identify ways to stay ahead of a challenging and fluctuating environment. All SGMP educational content addresses topics within our nine core competencies: Education/ Programming, Facilities & Services, Logistics, Financial & Contract Management, Technology, Leadership, Ethics, Protocol, and Federal, State & Local Travel.

OUR MISSION & OUR MEMBERS

Our mission: To enhance and promote the expertise of government meeting professionals. Our members are involved in the planning and execution of federal, state and/or municipality meetings which make government more effective, and SGMP expands those members' expertise. We are the only national organization in the United States dedicated exclusively to government meetings and the critical role our members play in prudently spending taxpayer dollars.

CGMP CERTIFICATION & CODE OF ETHICS

The CGMP is the highest professional designation available specifically for government meetings and this course and exam will be available at the conference. It provides specific instruction in ethics, federal budget and appropriations, acquisition and contracting, travel regulations, RFPs, risk management and protocol. Our certification plays a critical role in the solution for professional standards in government meetings and all SGMP members subscribe to the Ten Standards of Professionalism in our code of ethics.

June 6-8, 2017 Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center

Host Hotels: Primary - Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Marina, Overflow - Hyatt Regency Pier 66