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Session Outline:

1) Overview of Public Procurement Function in Local Government
   - State and Local Public Procurement Impact
   - Role of NIGP in Supporting Public Procurement
   - The Intersection of Public Procurement Value

2) Providing the Practices of Your Procurement Team
   - Values and Guiding Principles
   - Public Procurement Global Best Practices
   - Resources: Position Papers, Research Papers, Libraries

3) Developing the Talents of Your Procurement Team
   - Changing Workforce, Changing Opportunities
   - Pathways: Competency-Based, Integrated, Holistic
   - Sub topic #N

4) Positioning the Authority of Your Procurement Team
   - Guidance and Advocacy

Learning Objectives:

Key takeaways and learning objectives for this session include:

- Understanding the economic impact of public procurement
- Understanding how to develop the core competencies and high-level specializations needed to drive results
- Identifying readily-available resources and best practices that keep you in the forefront of a dynamic profession
- Becoming more effective through policies that emphasize strategy in addition to compliance and regulation.