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Marcheta E. Gillespie CPPO, CPPB, C.P.M., CPM, is the Interim Director for the City of Tucson's Department of Procurement. With 22 years of experience in public procurement, Marcheta is a passionate advocate for her profession. Her areas of expertise include organizational leadership, strategic planning, public sector contracting, project management, program development, marketing, cooperative procurement, training and public speaking.

Marcheta is past president of NIGP and has served on the NIGP Board of Directors since 2007. She has served as Chair of the NIGP Task Force for the Values & Guiding Principles Initiative, as Chair for the NIGP Forum Committee, as Vice Chair of the National Finance Committee, as Chair of the

NIGP Governance Committee and as the liaison to the National Business Council. She has been an active leader and member of the NIGP Southern Arizona Copper Chapter since 1991. She is a strong advocate for educating students on opportunities in the procurement profession and has served as a leader in the Student Knowledge Community for NIGP.

Marcheta has spoken at over 100 national, regional and local conferences and meetings, has developed several training programs and has written for national procurement publications. Marcheta is a Master Certified Instructor for NIGP, teaching several courses for the Institute. In 2009, Marcheta was selected as the NIGP Copper Chapter Manager of the Year. Marcheta is also professional consultant, serving as a member of the NIGP Consulting Program.

Marcheta has worked many years in youth development through sports programs, church and various schools. She has served on the Board of Directors for Marana Little League and has been active in several PTO organizations. Marcheta and her husband of 20 years, Allen, also own a small business specializing in baseball and softball training. Marcheta and Allen have 3 beautiful children, Makayla, Garrett and Felicia and reside in Tucson, Arizona.