

GARY BARKMAN, CPPB



Gary Barkman has 23 years of procurement experience, 17+ years in the public procurement arena along with 6-1/2 years + in the private sector.

Gary's experience comes from 17 years with the Mesa Unified School

District #4. He graduated from Bryant University at Smithfield, RI in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and received certification as a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB). Gary has received the Buyer of The Year Award and the RJD Mentorship Award through the AZNIGP State Capitol Chapter. Gary has spent four years as Secretary on the AZNIGP State Capitol Chapter and has served on various committees during his tenure with NIGP. Gary serves on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Association of School Business Officials (AASBO), has been awarded the Pete Perkins Scholarship Award, and teaches a four-day purchasing class through AASBO. Gary's passion is cooperative purchasing through public procurement and public procurement in general as it relates to school districts.