

## MIKE THORNTON, CPPO

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Mike is the Purchasing Manager at the City of Leesburg, a smaller municipal government that operates six utilities. Having a smaller office, Mike has the opportunity to be involved in all types of procurement activities, providing a good mix and breadth of topics. In addition to procurement, Mike is knowledgeable in warehousing and materials management. Prior to the City of Leesburg, Mike worked in the software industry for seven years serving as the product manager for a number of ERP software modules. His work there included software implementation projects, client training, and business process analysis. Mike also actively participates in the Central Florida Chapter of NIGP and is involved in national NIGP at the committee level.