

Pete Toth
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Pete Toth has been the Purchasing Manager for the City of Arvada, Colorado, for more than 15 years, now. During that tenure Pete has been responsible for the implementation of the purchasing module portion of an Oracle ERP system and the establishment of an agency-wide P-Card program, along with a major rewrite of the city's purchasing ordinance and procedures.

In more recent years, Pete persevered to bring all of Arvada's departments and divisions on to the *Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System* (RMEPS), a public sector solicitation distribution site managed by *IPT by BidNet*. Since that time Pete has seen that system grow from 60 member agencies to, now, over 90 in the Colorado and Wyoming region.

Pete's public sector procurement experience is as diverse as it is long (back there in time, well before "friend" became a verb). In the states of Texas and Colorado he has experience at the city, county, school district, university, and state agency (small and "huge") level. When Pete thinks back to all of those years of barely automated bidder lists and compares them to now, with the RMEPS functionality, he just smiles.

Pete has been a member of the Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) and the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) for more than 18 years. He has served on committees in both organizations, including leadership positions planning regional and national conferences. He currently chairs a newer committee initiative for RMGPA in the form of the *Business Advisory Community*.

Pete resides in Denver, Colorado, with his wife and their two wonderful *Spinone Italiano* dogs. There, and in their occasional travel opportunities, he and his wife pursue one of their hobbies as "foodies".