

## Calendar of Events

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January 17, 2024  
- December 31, 2024

### **NIGP Courses**

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM EST

*To find a list of courses and to register please click the "Register" button below.*

*Reminder: Indicate you are an OPBA member when registering.*

February 28, 2024  
- February 29, 2024

### **Principles - Cooperative Purchasing (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*Feb 28 - 29, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 5:00 PM*

February 29, 2024

## **Workshop: Mitigating Risks in Construction**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Thursday, February 29

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Event

Registration closes on Feb 27, 2024, at 12:00 PM

*Construction is risky business. As an owner, your ability to identify and manage risks is vital for the successful completion of a project. To further complicate a complex contract, the Supreme Court of Canada has now provided additional clarity when determining if a municipality is an “employer” under Ontario’s Occupational Health and Safety Act. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear our panel of industry and legal experts provide their insight on mitigating risk in construction contracts in 2024!*

*This workshop is free for OPBA members.*

*Moderator:*

*Catherine Payne, County of Simcoe*

*Catherine Payne is the Manager of Procurement & Sustainable Operations with the County of Simcoe. She is a Certified Public Procurement Officer, Chartered Manager, and active OPBA member with twenty-five years of public procurement experience. In addition to providing procurement leadership to her organization, Catherine also provides oversight for sustainable operations and implementation of the County’s Corporate Climate Action Plan.*

*Panelists:*

*Faren Bogach, Construct Legal*

*Faren Bogach is the founding lawyer of Construct Legal, a law firm focusing on construction and infrastructure law ([www.constructlegal.ca](http://www.constructlegal.ca)). Faren drafts procurement documents and contracts, navigates claims, fights disputes, and more. Prior to founding Construct Legal, Faren was a partner at a large law firm in downtown Toronto.*

*Faren also developed software that helps users navigate the statutory prompt payment regime without needing to call a lawyer.*

*Faren is currently the chair of two not-for-profit organizations that provide—and are developing—affordable housing in Toronto. She is also a director of Alterna Savings, one of Ontario’s largest credit unions.*

*Tracy Eso, BFA, CIP, CRM, ACI, Intact Public Entities*

*Tracy Eso is the Risk Assessment and Solutions Manager in the Risk Management Department at Intact Public Entities, with expertise in insurance claims, risk management, and captive insurance. She has over 20 years’ experience in the insurance industry. Tracy is an instructor for the Insurance Institute of Canada and has spoken at various industry conferences on topics ranging from climate change to liability claims. Her focus at Intact Public Entities is to research risks that municipalities across Canada are facing, develop ways to mitigate those hazards and educate municipal clients in best-practice solutions to create resilience in the face of an ever-changing risk landscape.*

*Steve Ness, President, Surety Association of Canada*

*Steve Ness began his career in the surety industry in 1981, He is currently the President of the Surety Association of Canada having assumed the post in August 1994. He is also a founder of the organization and one of its original directors. Steve has authored a number of articles on surety bonds and the suretyship process He has spoken on the subject in North America and in Europe. He has also lectured on the role of suretyship*

*in the construction process at the University of Toronto and the Insurance Institute of Canada. The association is the de facto voice of the industry and represents 97% of surety writers from coast to coast.*

*Ken Rayner, VP, Market Development and Communications at the Infrastructure Health & Safety Association (IHSA)*

*Ken has been with the Infrastructure Health & Safety Association (IHSA) since 2010. Since 2011, Ken has been part of a team working with Ontario's Buyers of Construction to demonstrate the value of COR® as a health & safety pre-requisite on the projects they fund. This engagement has influenced the following buyers to adopt COR®: Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), Metrolinx, Infrastructure Ontario, City of Toronto, Greater Toronto Airport Authority, York Region, City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, City of Ottawa, City of Vaughan and Town of Milton. Ken also hosts the IHSA Safety Podcast and IHSA's outreach strategy to small business owners in construction, transportation, and the electrical utilities. Prior to joining IHSA, Ken was involved in the management system auditing practice at both KPMG and British Standards.*

*Registration Fees:*

*Title  
Fee  
Valid Dates  
Member Status  
Points  
CEUs  
Hours*

*Members  
\$0.00  
Available until Mon, Feb 27, 2024  
Members Only  
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2.0000*

*Non Members  
\$35.00 + HST  
Available until Mon, Feb 27, 2024  
All Registrants  
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*Please refer to our payment policy for information regarding cancellations and/or refunds.*

*Registration closes Monday, Feb 27, 2024, at 12:00 PM*

March 1, 2024  
- March 7, 2024

**MARCH 2024 PRINCIPLES CERTIFICATE EXAM**

12:15 AM - 11:45 PM EST

March 1 - 7, 2024

Virtual

OPBA online platform

Registration closes Fri, Feb 23, 2024, at 5:00 PM

March 5, 2024  
- March 6, 2024

**Principles - Competitive Bidding (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Mar 5 - 6, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tue, Feb 20, 2024, at 5:00 PM

March 20, 2024  
- March 21, 2024

**Principles - Advanced Procurement for Construction (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Mar 20 - 21, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Wed, Mar 6, 2024, at 5:00 PM

March 20, 2024  
- March 21, 2024

**Principles - Risk Management (Virtual)**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Mar 20 - 21, 2024

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Wed, Mar 6, 2024, at 5:00 PM

March 20, 2024

**Buyers Meeting**

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

Wed, Mar 20, 2024

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Virtual Event

Registration closes: Monday, March 18, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

March 26, 2024  
- March 27, 2024

**Principles - Purchasing and the Law (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Mar 26 - 27, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Learning

Registration closes Tues, Mar 12, 2024, at 5:00 PM

March 27, 2024

**Implementing Social Procurement as Public Buyers with Buy Social Canada and Blakes**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Event

Registration closes on March 25, 2024, at 12:00 PM

April 3, 2024  
- April 4, 2024

**Principles - Introduction to Construction (Virtual)**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

*Apr 3 - 4, 2024*

*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Wed, Mar 20, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

April 10, 2024  
- April 11, 2024

**Principles - Competitive Bidding (Virtual)**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

*Apr 10 - 11, 2024*

*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Wed, Mar 27, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

April 16, 2024  
- April 17, 2024

**Principles - Advanced Competitive Bidding (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*Apr 16 - 17, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, Apr 2, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

April 24, 2024  
- April 25, 2024

**Principles - Introduction to Public Purchasing (Virtual)**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

*Apr 24 - 25, 2024*

*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 5:00 PM*

May 4, 2024  
- May 5, 2024

**Principles - Cooperative Purchasing (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*May 4 & 5, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Fri, Apr 19, 2024 at 5:00 PM*

May 7, 2024  
- May 8, 2024

**Principles - Risk Management (Virtual)**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

*May 7 - 8, 2024*

*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, Apr 23, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

May 14, 2024  
- May 15, 2024

**Principles - Competitive Bidding (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*May 14 - 15, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, Apr 30, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

May 18, 2024  
- May 19, 2024

**June Exam Prep Course (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*May 18-19, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

May 22, 2024  
- May 23, 2024

**Principles - Advanced Competitive Bidding (Virtual)**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

*May 22 - 23, 2024*

*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Wed, May 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

June 1, 2024  
- June 7, 2024

**JUNE 2024 PRINCIPLES CERTIFICATE EXAM**

12:15 AM - 11:45 PM EST

*June 1 - 7, 2024*

*Virtual*

*OPBA online platform*

*Registration closes Fri, May 24, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

June 4, 2024  
- June 5, 2024

**Principles - Introduction to Public Purchasing (Virtual)**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

*June 4 - 5, 2024*

*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, May 21, 2024 at 5:00 PM*

June 12, 2024  
- June 13, 2024

**Principles - Advanced Procurement for Construction (Virtual)**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

*June 12 - 13, 2024*

*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Wed, May 29, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

June 13, 2024

**Buyers Meeting**

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM EST

*Thurs, June 13, 2024*

*More Information to follow.*

July 9, 2024  
- July 10, 2024

**Principles - Introduction to Construction (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*July 9 - 10, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, June 25, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

July 17, 2024  
- July 18, 2024

**Principles - Advanced Procurement for Construction (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*July 17 - 18, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Wed, July 3, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

September 10, 2024  
- September 11, 2024

**Principles - Introduction to Public Purchasing (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*Sept 10 - 11, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, Aug 27, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

September 18, 2024  
- September 19, 2024

**Principles - Introduction to Construction (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*Sept 18 - 19, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Wed, Sept 4, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

September 25, 2024  
- September 27, 2024

**2024 OPBA 66th Annual Conference**

**Ottawa Marriott**

**100 Kent Street**

**Ottawa, ON K1P 5R7**

12:00 PM - 12:00 PM EST

*Join us at the Ottawa Marriott hotel! Details about the conference will be published as they become available.*

*To assist you in your planning, below are the room rates:*

*Traditional Room: \$235.00*

*Deluxe Room: \$275.00*

*Reservations are not open yet.*

October 2, 2024  
- October 3, 2024

**Principles - Risk Management (Virtual)**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

*Oct 2 - 3, 2024*

*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Wed, Sept 18, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

October 9, 2024  
- October 10, 2024

**Principles - Purchasing and the Law (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*Oct 9 - 10, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Wed, Sept 25, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

October 15, 2024  
- October 16, 2024

**Principles - Cooperative Purchasing (Virtual)**  
06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST  
*Oct 15 - 16, 2024*  
*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*  
*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, Oct 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM*

October 17, 2024  
- October 18, 2024

**November Exam Prep Course (Virtual)**  
09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST  
*Oct 17-18, 2024*  
*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*  
*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Mon, Oct 14, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

October 22, 2024  
- October 24, 2024

**Principles - Competitive Bidding (Virtual)**  
06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST  
*Oct 22 & 24, 2024*  
*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*  
*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, Oct 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

October 30, 2024  
- October 31, 2024

**Principles - Advanced Competitive Bidding (Virtual)**  
09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST  
*Oct 30 - 31, 2024*  
*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*  
*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Wed, Oct 16, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

November 1, 2024  
- November 7, 2024

**NOVEMBER 2024 PRINCIPLES CERTIFICATE EXAM**  
12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST  
*November 1 - 7, 2024*

*Virtual*  
*OPBA online platform*

*Registration closes Fri, Oct 25, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

November 5, 2024  
- November 6, 2024

**Principles - Introduction to Public Purchasing (Virtual)**  
09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST  
*Nov 5 - 6, 2024*  
*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*  
*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, Oct 22, 2024, at 5:00 PM*



November 12, 2024  
- November 13, 2024

**Principles - Advanced Procurement for Construction (Virtual)**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

*Nov 12 - 13, 2024*

*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, Oct 22, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

December 3, 2024  
- December 4, 2024

**Principles - Cooperative Purchasing (Virtual)**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

*Dec 3 & 4, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, Nov 19, 2024, at 5:00 PM*

December 10, 2024  
- December 11, 2024

**Principles - Introduction to Construction (Virtual)**

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

*Dec 10 - 11, 2024*

*6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Virtual Learning*

*Registration closes Tues, Nov 26, 2024, at 5:00 PM*