

PURCHASING DIVISION

Senior Management Biographical Information

Samantha Knapp, CPPB, NIGP-CPP

ACTING PURCHASING DIRECTOR
WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION



Effective February 20, 2024, Samantha Knapp serves as the Acting Purchasing Director of the West Virginia Purchasing Division. This succeeds her role as Deputy Director, which she took over on January 9, 2023. Prior to these roles, she served as the Assistant Director of the Communication and Training (CT) Section, which she held since October 2020.

Ms. Knapp has 16 years of state government service, more than 12 of those within the West Virginia Purchasing Division. Prior to her time with the Division, she managed communication and training for the Cancer Prevention and Control Division within the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center at West Virginia University.

She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from West Virginia University and a master's degree in public administration from West Virginia University. Ms. Knapp has been recognized by the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) as a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) and by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) as a Certified Procurement Professional.

Greg Clay

ASSISTANT PURCHASING DIRECTOR
WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION

Greg Clay is the Assistant Purchasing Director overseeing the Business and Technical Services section. He has worked in public procurement in various roles since 2014.

Greg has a Bachelor of Science from Concord University in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting.

Mr. Clay previously served as the Assistant Director over Program Services, a Senior Buyer, Buyer Supervisor, and State Contracts Manager for the Purchasing Division. In these various roles, he served as the assigned buyer and buyer supervisor for several agencies including the Tax Department, Department of Transportation, Adjutant General, and Department of Environmental Protection.



Before he came to work for state government, Greg worked in the private sector as a sourcing manager at Massey Energy and Alpha Resources handling procurement and inventory control in the mining industry for more than 20 years.

Greg has obtained the West Virginia Procurement: Basic and Advanced Certifications. While managing the Inspection Services Unit as the State Contracts Manager, Greg received his Basic and Advanced CLEAR National Certified Investigators/Inspectors Certification.

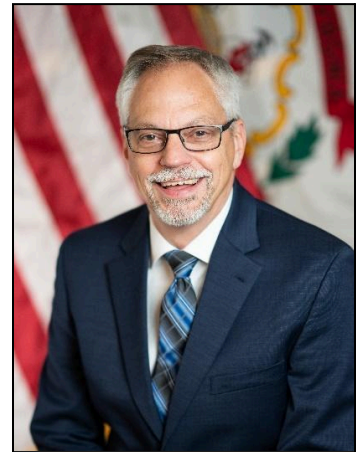
Frank Whittaker, CPPB, NIGP-CPP

ASSISTANT PURCHASING DIRECTOR
WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION

Frank Whittaker is the Assistant Purchasing Director overseeing the Acquisition and Contract Administration Section. He has worked in public procurement in various roles since 2005.

Mr. Whittaker has previously served as a Senior Buyer and Buyer Supervisor in the Purchasing Division. Prior to working for the Purchasing Division, he served as the procurement officer for the West Virginia Tax Department.

Before his state government positions, he worked in the private sector handling procurement of technology solutions for agencies in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.



Mr. Whittaker has been recognized by the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) as a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) and by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) as a Certified Procurement Professional.

Tina Desmond

ASSISTANT PURCHASING DIRECTOR
WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION

Tina Desmond is the Assistant Purchasing Director overseeing the Program Services section, including inventory management, travel management and the state and federal surplus programs.

Ms. Desmond previously served in the Department of Homeland Security as Assistant Director over the Purchasing Section at the Division of Administrative Services and as Corrections Business Manager at Pruntytown Correctional Center and Jail. Prior to working for the Department of Homeland Security, Ms. Desmond served in the Department of Health and Human Resources as a Business Manager at John Manchin Senior Health Care Center.

Before relocating to West Virginia in 2014, Ms. Desmond lived and worked



in Florida. In Florida, Ms. Desmond was a private sector paralegal for 17 years.

Ms. Desmond has an Associate Degree in business administration and earned the West Virginia Procurement: Basic Certification.