

# **PURCHASING DIVISION**

## **Senior Management Biographical Information**

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### **Samantha Knapp, CPPB, NIGP-CPP**

DEPUTY PURCHASING DIRECTOR

WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION



Effective January 9, 2023, Samantha Knapp serves as the Deputy Purchasing Director of the West Virginia Purchasing Division. In addition to this role, she retains her role as the Assistant Director of the Communication and Training (CT) Section, which she has 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.

### **Guy Nisbet III, CPPO**

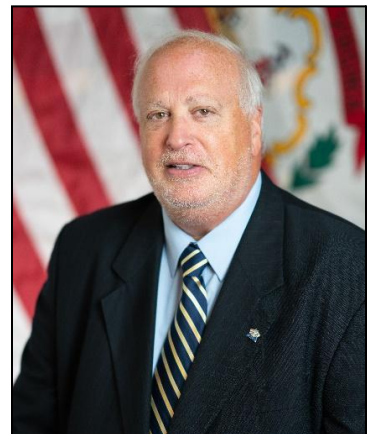
ASSISTANT PURCHASING DIRECTOR

WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION

Guy Nisbet serves as Assistant Purchasing Director for the Business and Technical Services section of the West Virginia Purchasing Division. He has worked in public procurement in various roles since 2011.

Guy has a Master of Science degree from Mountain State University School of Business in Strategic Leadership Management, a Bachelor of Science from The College of West Virginia in Organizational Leadership and Management, and an Associate Science degree in Management and Marketing from West Virginia State University.

Guy previously served as a buyer, senior buyer, and buyer supervisor in the Purchasing Division. In these various roles, he served as the assigned buyer for many agencies, including the General Services Division, Tax Department, Division of Natural Resources, and Department of Environmental Protection.



Prior to joining the Purchasing Division, Guy was an adjunct professor at Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College and West Virginia State University. He was also a Quality Control Manager in the Maintenance Department at Bayer Crop Science.

Guy has been recognized by the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) as a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) and obtained the West Virginia: Procurement Basic and Advanced Certifications.

## **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.

## **Greg Clay**

ASSISTANT PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION

Greg Clay is the Assistant Purchasing Director overseeing the Program Services Section, including managing the West Virginia State Agency for Surplus Property. 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 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, Division 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.