

Utility Purchasing & Material Management (UPMM): - TVPPA's Utility Purchasing & Material Management curriculum is designed for public power purchasing personnel. This course of study focuses on contracts, quality metrics, work order systems, negotiations, business strategies, and utility case studies.

Instructor Led Classes:

Quantities, Quality, Pricing & Supplier Selection - This class will examine the important aspects of the purchasing world and how it relates to local power companies in the valley. Topics discussed will include, EOQ, OPM, the 5 Ws, MRO, centralization and decentralization, policies and procedures, ROP, SOE, contracts, negotiation, quality metrics, supplier selection, and SPC.

Workorder, Inventory & Plant - This class will introduce you to the work order system and how it operates in a utility. Participants will see how the work order system processes impact each department of the utility and gain a better understanding of each other's responsibilities. It is designed to give the participants a high level overview of manual work order closing from the time a work order is approved until it is completed and its plant units and costs are closed.

Negotiation, Contracts, Relationships and Strategy - This class will focus on supplier selection, negotiation, contracts and the law, interpersonal relationships and business strategy. At the end of the class, participants will be given an assignment to complete before the final class and will be asked to give a presentation of their work to the other students at that time.

Case Studies in Utility Purchasing - This is the fourth and final class in the UPMM Certificate. Each participant will be asked to present their purchasing case study to the group during this class. Through the analysis and debate of real-life case studies participants will have the opportunity to review all cases and apply these introduced in class as well as their own experiences.