

# NAPM-Denver 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honored by State of Colorado

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## **Institute for Supply Management Denver Affiliate 90-Yrs of Success Continues to Deliver Innovative Services and Opportunities**

DENVER, Colo.--(BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ninety years ago, a group of Denver companies put together an organization of purchasing agents and buyers that has morphed into one of the nation's largest and most respected professional purchasing and supply management body's of knowledge. The National Association of Purchasing Management (NAPM) Denver, which now represents companies from Fort Collins to Castle Rock and the greater Denver metro area, will celebrate their 90th Anniversary in September of 2009.

Founded in 1919, NAPM-Denver is Colorado's largest and longest standing affiliate of the Institute for Supply Management (ISM). Throughout its 90-year history, NAPM-Denver continues to focus on providing quality educational and networking opportunities to increase knowledge, ethical standards, and foster professional development within the Purchasing and Supply Management Profession. While the mission has remained the same, NAPM-Denver continues to adapt and adjust with the times to deliver greater services and opportunities to its members.

An example of adapting to the global demands is the launch of the Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM) program in May 2008. The CPSM is the credential that surpasses the demands of the international marketplace with multi-faceted skills in areas such as finance, supplier relationship management, organizational global strategy and risk compliance. According to a February 2009 survey by ISM, those who hold one or more certifications earned an average of \$99,764. Specifically, respondents who hold the CPSM designation (4 percent of all respondents) earned an average salary that was 13 percent higher than those who do not. Representing purchasing professionals, businesses and industries in Colorado, NAPM-Denver, continues to provide quality networking opportunities, business seminars, certification training, and various other professional development courses throughout the year.

Recently, the State of Colorado House of Representatives honored NAPM-Denver's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary through a state-wide proclamation. Dorothy Cohen, a Certified Purchasing Manager and current NAPM-Denver President, explains it this way: "Our longevity is probably best attributed to the value we offer our members. We not only survive but prosper, whether times are good or bad, because nobody beats our quality of professional networking and supply management certification training." NAPM-Denver intends to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the September 2009 member dinner meeting. For more information on the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration or to find out more about the NAPM-Denver, go to [www.napmdenver.org](http://www.napmdenver.org). In short, ninety years in any industry is commendable, but in today's world it is extraordinary. They must be doing something right.

## **About the Institute for Supply Management and National Association of Purchasing Management Denver Affiliate**

Founded in 1915, the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) is the largest supply management association in the world as well as one of the most respected. ISM's membership base includes more than 40,000 supply management professionals with a network of domestic and international affiliated associations. ISM is a not-for-profit association that provides opportunities for the promotion of the profession and the expansion of professional skills and knowledge.

The National Association of Purchasing Management (NAPM) Denver Affiliate is Colorado's largest and longest standing ISM Affiliate, which represent purchasing professionals, businesses and industries from Fort Collins to Castle Rock and the greater Denver metro area. NAPM Denver's mission is to provide quality educational and networking opportunities to increase knowledge, ethical standards, and foster professional development within the Purchasing and Supply Management Profession.

The Colorado Front Range is home to a vibrant, active affiliate of the Institute for Supply Management with more than 600 purchasing or supply management practitioners. Members of the NAPM affiliate work in corporations, agencies, associations, service organizations, government, and universities, reflecting the business and professional community of Colorado. Many members are in senior management positions, while others are beginning their careers in purchasing, law, or supply management.

The NAPM Denver affiliate sponsors monthly networking dinners, frequent mixers, various professional development seminars throughout the year, and offers a newsletter featuring local business reports and events.

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