



May 2012 Administration Report: ***UPPCC Releases Key Performance Data***

July 27, 2012 -The Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) and Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) are globally recognized credentials offered exclusively by the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC). The certification programs systematically raise the level of professionalism within the public procurement profession by offering recognition to those individuals who meet an established standard of competency for public procurement demonstrated through a rigorous application process and superior examination performance.

Earlier this month, the UPPCC announced that 208 individuals successfully completed the May 2012 certification exams, including 151 who earned the CPPB certification and 57 who earned the CPPO. To date, 8,921 CPPB and 2,125 CPPO certifications have been awarded by the UPPCC.

Obtaining either UPPCC certification requires the candidate to demonstrate, through an application process, that they meet specific requisites, which includes education, procurement related coursework/training and public procurement employment experience. A comprehensive written examination (specific to each certification) is required to confirm the candidate's mastery of a variety of public procurement concepts found in the UPPCC Body of Knowledge.

The UPPCC recently released key performance data from the May 2012 examinations:

Overall Scoring/Passing Rates

The UPPCC reports that 61% of the 94 total candidates who tested for the CPPO passed while 57% of the 264 candidates who tested for the CPPB passed. Mean passing scores for CPPB candidates were 36 points higher than for CPPO.

Testing Time

The total testing time permitted for both examinations is 3.5 hours. This equates to a total of 210 minutes for 190 questions (175 operational or scored and 15 pre-test questions); or on average 1 minute and 10 seconds for each test question.

The UPPCC reported that for CPPO, the average completion time was 2.70 hours with a range from 3.5 hours maximum to .75 hours minimum. For the CPPB, the average completion time was 2.63 hours with a range from 3.5 hours maximum to 1.05 hours minimum.

Exam Content & Candidate Preparation

Content for both the CPPO and CPPB examinations are dictated by the 2008 UPPCC Body of Knowledge (BOK). A total of 10 domain areas comprise the BOK and areas follows:

1. Administration Aspects of Purchasing
2. Procurement Requests
3. Solicitation and Evaluation of Bids/Proposals
4. Supplier Analysis

5. Negotiation Process
6. Contract Award and Administration
7. External/Internal Relationships
8. Materiels Management
9. Human Resources/Personnel
10. Forecasting and Strategies

The UPPCC reports that for both CPPO and CPPB, candidates performed the best in Domain 6: Contract Award and Administration. CPPO candidates performed the poorest in Domain 4: Supplier Analysis and Domain 8: Materiels Management. Conversely for CPPB, exam candidates overall had the most difficulty in Domain 10: Forecasting and Strategies (see Table 1).

Table 1

	STRENGTHS		WEAKNESSES	
	CPPO	CPPB	CPPO	CPPB
Overall	Domain 6	Domain 6	Domains 4 & 8	Domain 10
City	Domain 5	Domain 6	Domain 8	Domain 9
Counties	Domain 1	Domain 6	Domains 4 & 9	Domain 9
State	Domain 7	Domain 1	Domain 9	Domain 10

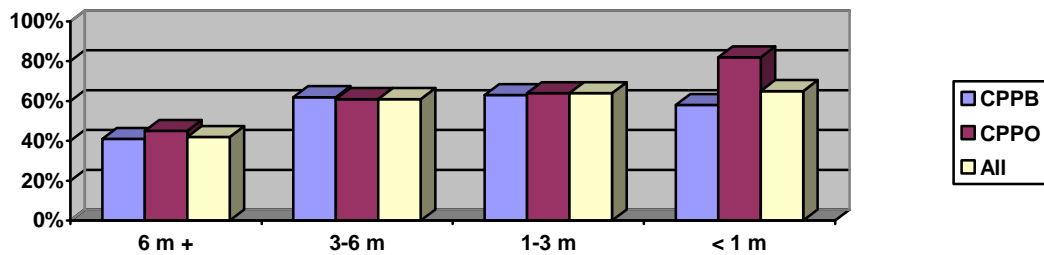
UPPCC reports that most candidates indicated, via a post examination survey, spending between three and six months preparing for their respective examinations (see Table 2).

Table 2

Exam	6 months +	3-6 months	1-3 months	< 1 month	no study
All	16.35%	38.36%	33.65%	11.64%	0.00%
CPPO	12.79%	41.86%	32.56%	12.79%	0.00%
CPPB	17.67%	37.07%	34.05%	11.21%	0.00%

The organization also reports that CPPO candidates who indicated spending one month or less preparing experienced the highest rates of passing compared to other timeframes of preparation; however, in evaluating CPPB candidate performance, preparation times between one and three months, as indicated by high passing rates, appeared to be the optimal timeframe (see Graph 1).

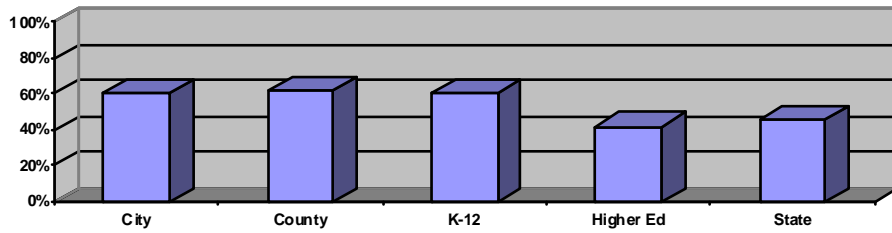
Graph 1



Passing Rates and Public Entity Types

UPPCC reports that when comparing passing rates for both examinations with various entity types; those candidates employed by county agencies experienced the highest rates of passing at 62% followed by Cities and K-12 Schools at 61% (see Graph 2).

Graph 2



Testing for both credentials is offered via a network of professional testing centers twice annually in May and October. ***The UPPCC will continue to accept applications for the October 15-27, 2012 testing window through the late deadline of July 30, 2012 with a \$50 late fee.***

The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) is an independent entity formed to govern and administer the Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPPO) and Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) certification programs. The CPPPO and CPPB programs are highly regarded and respected among procurement professionals and employers involved in the public sector. To date, the UPPCC has certified well over 10,000 professionals primarily within the US and Canada as well as in other nations around the globe.

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