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Spotlight on Schools: Procurement Issues, Challenges & Trends

*"Very useful
information...Great in-
depth discussion of
current issues!"*

*April 15, 2014
Participant*

Course Date:
April 14, 2015
Boston, MA
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Prerequisite: None

Instructional Method: Group-Live

Course Level: Basic

Advanced Prep: None

Attend this six-hour seminar and learn more about the specialized issues and challenges confronting school business officials and staff members. Participants will apply the principles of public procurement, under M.G.L. c. 30B, to traditional and emerging areas of school buying.

Topics covered include:

- Revenue-producing arrangements such as vending machine agreements
- Considerations for technology purchases
- Sole-source issues and proprietary specifications in the context of school-related procurements
- Fostering competition for school transportation services
- Special education contracting issues
- Contractual and other procurement problems associated with the use of vendor-supplied specifications

Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions, exchange ideas, network, and explore strategies for obtaining the best value for their school systems.

This course provides 6 continuing professional education (CPE) points and 6 professional development points (PDP).

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