

Country case: Certification of capabilities for procurement in the United States

Description

The American Purchasing Society (APS) is a professional association of buyers and purchasing managers and was the first organisation to establish a nationally recognised certification for buyers and purchasing professionals. APS offers three different certification programmes:

- i. the Certified Purchasing Professional Program directed at professionals who have demonstrated the skills to successfully implement improved purchasing and supply chain practices as part of a business solution in an organisation;
- ii. the Certified Professional Purchasing Manager Program aimed at those in managerial positions and who have managerial experience; and
- iii. the Certified Professional Purchasing Consultant Program aimed at certified purchasing professionals who either consult or teach purchasing to people outside their own employer.

Public Procurement
Principle: **Capacity**

Procurement Stage:
All phases

Audience: **Policy Maker,
Procuring Entity, Private
Sector**

Source: OECD (2013), [Public Procurement Review of the State's Employees' Social Security and Social Services Institute in Mexico](#), OECD Publishing, Paris.