THE VALUE OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
Government meetings at local, state, and federal levels benefit citizens and can improve government efficiency in a myriad of ways. From training and development to fostering agency collaboration and working in partnership with the private sector, SGMP equips our members with the education, resources and contacts they need to host quality, economical, and high-impact meetings. Enhancing our members’ expertise paves the way toward creating a significant return on investment for taxpayers and our communities.

OUR DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP
SGMP members are professionals involved in the planning and execution of federal, state, and local meetings on a full- or part-time basis. We invite both government planners and suppliers, those who provide goods and services to the government meetings industry, to join our ranks as members. By partnering together, we create an efficient exchange of knowledge and ethical practice that benefits both the public and private sectors. A national organization with chapters from coast-to-coast, SGMP is the preeminent voice for the government meetings industry.

EDUCATION, RESOURCES & NETWORKING
SGMP members benefit from the integrated value of professional education, cutting-edge resources and networking which are delivered through the national organization and local chapters. SGMP planners and suppliers are empowered in their careers by numerous professional opportunities. Monthly chapter meetings and our annual National Education Conference (NEC) give our members impactful face-to-face training, resources, and priceless networking opportunities. And, SGMP’s website is a treasure trove of tools and resources including a searchable membership directory, buyer’s guide, a variety of publications, and linkages to social media at the local and national level.

THE SGMP MISSION
Established in 1981, the Society of Government Meeting Professionals is the only national organization dedicated exclusively to government meetings and the professionals who make them possible. Our mission is to enhance and promote the expertise of government meeting professionals.

JOIN TODAY
If you work in the government meeting sector, you owe it to yourself to join SGMP to stay abreast of the education, tools, and contacts you need to be successful. We keep our planner to supplier ratios balanced to comply with federal regulations. Join SGMP today and find out how our Society can help you grow your career, contacts, and your expertise.

Join at SGMP.ORG
NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE & EXPO
The biggest annual event in the government meetings industry is SGMP’s National Education Conference & Expo (NEC), where government professionals from across the country come together for one-stop and non-stop education, resources and networking. NEC features education sessions by industry experts on topics across the spectrum of government meetings. We also provide significant professional networking opportunities throughout the event, including the largest gathering of key exhibitors in the government meetings industry.

WHAT MEMBERS TELL US
“I have met a lot of terrific people via our SGMP chapter and nationwide. The information provided at meetings and conferences has increased my planning knowledge base. Networking with colleagues has enriched me both professionally and personally.”

“I joined initially to learn more about meeting planning that suddenly became part of my responsibilities. I have SGMP to thank for my skillset and the networking that has helped me navigate the industry.”

“My initial reason for joining SGMP was a work requirement, since I am a supplier and handle the government market. I soon realized that SGMP has a lot to offer. The education sessions and networking are helpful to my job and the leadership opportunities have helped me to excel personally.”

“SGMP helped grow my career and grow my business.”

“The CGMP gives me credibility with my peers and client base.”

CGMP CERTIFICATION
The Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) credential is the highest professional designation available specifically for government meetings. It provides specific instruction in ethics, budget and appropriations, expense management, acquisition and contracting, travel regulations, RFPs, risk management, and protocol. Our certification is part of the solution for advancing high professional standards in the government meeting sector. Because the CGMP is such a powerful differentiator, we are seeing a strong increase in members earning it to verify their planning skills and commitment to best practices. We believe it will soon become an expectation that government meeting professionals get certified.

FREE CHAPTER AFFILIATION
To promote regular interaction among members, each local chapter holds 6-12 face-to-face meetings per year, and some are embracing technology that invites members to attend virtually. Local chapter affiliation is provided to every member at no additional charge and all chapter members receive additional benefits exclusively through the chapter, such as continuing education, local and regional conferences, and networking opportunities. These benefits are managed by volunteer leaders on the local level. SGMP members may affiliate with the chapter(s) of their choice. If you work in an area of the country not currently benefitting from an SGMP chapter, we can assist in forming a new chapter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Please visit our website at www.sgmp.org which includes:
- SGMP Code of Ethics
- Local chapter website links
- CGMP certification program
- National Education Conference (NEC) details
- Professional education programs available locally and nationally
- Publications, including Government Connections
- Searchable Membership Directory
- Online Buyer’s Guide
- Advertising opportunities

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