

BIO

Valerie Bollinger

Name and Title:

Valerie Bollinger, State Purchasing Manager

Educational background:

B.S. in Biology from Loyola University Maryland; J.D. from University of Pittsburgh College of Law

Certifications Held:

CPPB

Brief description of your experience:

After practicing law for two years in Pittsburgh, my husband and I moved to the great state of Idaho. I began my procurement career as a Buyer with the University of Idaho in 2012. In 2014, I joined the Division of Purchasing as a Buyer, before being promoted to State Purchasing Manager in 2016.

Areas of expertise:

I have procured and/or reviewed just about every type of good/service the State purchases. My favorite project at DOP has been working on the design and fabrication of the exhibits for the Idaho State Museum. I work closely with the Lead Purchasing Officers and their teams to standardize and improve our overall process. I have a legal background, so I often help to wordsmith communications, terms, etc. before they go for official legal review. I love developing and delivering procurement training.

Fun fact:

When I win the lottery, I plan to buy a house somewhere in the UK so I can watch English football (soccer) in person.