



Emotional Intelligence: The Leadership Advantage



Presenter

Ryan Quigley is an accomplished procurement professional with nearly a decade of progressive experience in public-sector purchasing. He currently serves as a Purchasing Agent for the City of Celina, where he has spent the past four years helping shape transparent, compliant, and strategically focused procurement operations that support one of the fastest-growing communities in Texas. In this role, Ryan partners closely with departments across the organization to strengthen purchasing processes, ensure regulatory compliance, and promote responsible stewardship of public resources.

Ryan began his public procurement career with the City of Frisco, where he spent five years developing a strong foundation in municipal purchasing. He joined Frisco as a Buyer and advanced to Senior Buyer, gaining experience in contract administration, formal solicitations, and collaborative project management. His work there helped prepare him to take on broader responsibilities when he transitioned to Celina.

Ryan is committed to continual learning and professional development. He holds a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in U.S. History, both from the University of North Texas. He also maintains the Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) credential and the NIGP Certified Procurement Professional (NIGP-CPP) designation.



Beyond his formal roles, Ryan is an active contributor to the procurement profession. He has held several leadership positions, including serving as President of the NIGP Dallas–Fort Worth Chapter and his current position as Chair of the Collin County Governmental Purchasers Forum, where he helps foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing among procurement professionals across the region.

Born in Evanston, Illinois, Ryan moved to Texas at the age of nine and has called the state home ever since. He lives in Celina with his wife and their two young daughters. Outside of work, he enjoys cooking, traveling, and spending quality time with his family.

Summary:

This session equips leaders with a practical, actionable understanding of Emotional Intelligence and its impact on communication, decision-making, and team performance. Drawing on the five core components of EI - self-awareness, self-regulation, self-motivation, empathy, and social skills - participants will explore how emotionally intelligent leadership strengthens culture, reduces miscommunication, and builds trust. Through real-world applications such as navigating difficult conversations, fostering psychological safety, and modeling EI-driven behaviors, attendees will gain strategies to enhance their leadership effectiveness and create environments where people feel respected, supported, and empowered.