

CIPS AND GEP LAUNCH NEW KNOWLEDGE PARTNERSHIP

- Partnership to provide extensive thought capital and resources on category management, mobile and cloud solutions software to CIPS members
- Topics in category management include: “make versus buy” and outsourcing strategies
- Insights offered into game-changing technologies such as cloud and mobile

Clark, NJ – September 28, 2016 – The Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply (CIPS) — the largest global professional body representing the Procurement and Supply Chain profession — and GEP, a leading global provider of strategic procurement services and procurement software, have forged a knowledge partnership to offer CIPS members extensive knowledge resources in two key areas – [category management](#) and [cloud and mobile solutions](#).

Under the knowledge partnership, thousands of CIPS members worldwide will have access to a rich array of white papers, webinars, podcasts, original research and an extensive library of long- and short-form thought leadership pieces from GEP.

GEP is based in Clark, NJ in the United States and has its European headquarters in London, the regional center of rapidly expanding operations in the United Kingdom and on the continent. CIPS has its head office in the United Kingdom and offices in Australia, Dubai (UAE), Singapore, South Africa and Turkey plus others partnerships in Poland, Sweden and China.

“Partnering with highly reputable organizations, such as GEP, means CIPS members have access to a wider, richer variety of authoritative global viewpoints, which can help them thrive professionally and help their teams perform at optimum levels,” said David Noble, Group CEO, CIPS.

“Both category management and cloud computing are topics of great interest to our members who actively seek out more support in these areas. With our knowledge partners at GEP, we can enable better outcomes for the global professional community we both serve with focus and commitment.”

“GEP has earned a reputation for fresh thinking, deep insights and powerful, creative solutions to the challenges encountered by global procurement and supply chain management leaders at Fortune 500 and Global 2000 companies worldwide,” said Al Girardi, Global Vice President of Marketing & Analyst Relations of GEP.

“This partnership with CIPS is a terrific opportunity to share the innovation and insight that GEP thought leaders have developed by tackling real-world strategic and operational challenges in thousands of successful enterprise-level engagements across Europe, Asia and the Americas.”

Honored as Best Supplier at the EPIC Procurement Excellence Awards, GEP regularly wins accolades as both a provider of a broad range of procurement services and innovative procurement technology. Among its recent distinctions, GEP has been named Leader and Star Performer in Everest Group's PEAK Matrix of Procurement Services Providers, Leader in NelsonHall's NEAT Matrix of Global Procurement BPO Service Providers, Winner in the HfS Blueprint Report on Procurement Outsourcing Providers, Leaders in the Kennedy / ALM Vanguard Reports on Procurement Consulting and Supply Risk Management Consulting, as well as one of Spend Matters 50 Companies to Know and to the Supply & Demand Chain Executive 100.

CIPS members can log into the MyCIPS area of the [CIPS website](#) to access these resources free of charge and as part of their membership.

About The Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply

The Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply (CIPS) is the world's largest procurement and supply professional organization. It is the worldwide center of excellence on procurement and supply management issues. CIPS has a global community of over 115,000 in 180 different countries, including senior business people, high-ranking civil servants and leading academics. The activities of procurement and supply chain professionals have a major impact on the profitability and efficiency of all types of organization and CIPS offers corporate solutions packages to improve business profitability. www.cips.org; [@CIPSNews](https://twitter.com/CIPSNews)

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Clark, NJ-based GEP has 12 offices and operations centers in Europe, Asia and the Americas. To learn more about our comprehensive range of consulting and outsourcing services, please visit www.gep.com. For more about SMART by GEP, our cloud-native sourcing and procurement software platform, please visit www.smartbygep.com.

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