Recognition for ASPA SPCM Best Paper Award (first place and second place)

ASPA's Section on Procurement and Contract Management (ASPA SPCM) is proud to announce the inauguration of two best paper awards. We will recognize two best papers with implications for procurement and/or contract management submitted and accepted for presentation at ASPA's National Conference.

Recipients will be presented with:

- A $500 award (first place) and $250 (second place)
- An announcement during the SPCM annual meeting at ASPA conference

For papers with multiple authors, the formal recognition and monetary award are split among authors who are/commit to become ASPA members during the respective conference year. Monetary award will only be given to the named author, and they must have either Zelle or Paypal. In addition, award winners should become ASPA SPCM members in maximum 30 working days after the recognition.

Submission Deadline

Al see l submissions must be sent to **sawsan.abutabenjeh@msstate.edu by March 1st, 2022, 11.59 p.m.**

Submission Requirements

All authors are required to submit a scholarly paper by the above deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted. All submissions must be relevant to the public procurement, government contracting, and/or contract management.

Criteria for Evaluation

Papers will be evaluated according to two sets of criteria, content, and substance, weighted equally.

Content criteria consider the quality of the paper's:

- Literature review,
- Methodology in relation to the research question(s) posed,
- Data and information sources,
- Results, and
- Conclusions, including the extent to which conclusions follow from results, as well as implications for future research or current practice.

Substance criteria include evaluate:
- The importance and relevance of the research questions(s) to the field of public procurement and contract management and/or the innovativeness of the approach,
- Soundness of methodology, including the appropriateness of the quantitative or qualitative approach given the research question(s), and validity of any statistical or other analytical techniques,
- Soundness of conclusions reached given the paper's results,
- Organization and clarity of the contribution.

Selection Process

The Awards Committee will evaluate and select the recipient of the two best paper awards.

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