

## **Supply Management Certificate Program**

Designed by cooperative supply chain professionals, this unique program will show you how to integrate the multiple functions of supply management into your cooperative's organizational processes systematically and effectively.

Individuals must complete all three units of study to receive the Supply Management Certificate. They do not have to be taken sequentially, nor do they have to be taken during any timeframe.

**Unit I: The Supply Management Foundation (294.00)** In Unit 1, the focus is on the core functions of supply management, supply policies and procedures and control of the requisition and procurement process. Core functions include cost savings identification, Total Cost of Ownership and Life Cycle Cost analyses and supplier development. You will learn how to establish authority levels, evaluate the purchase order process and develop the organizational procurement structure. By defining requisition controls and establishing measurable objectives, you can make the acquisition process more efficient and effective.

**Unit II: Procurement and Contract Management (294.01)** Unit 2 covers core procurement practices and methods, contractual considerations and key regulations impacting your supply management activities. The procurement practices cover issues such as procurement analysis, bid evaluation, lease analysis and supplier considerations. The contractual section highlights the four essentials of a contract, critical terms and conditions and ways to manage the contractual relationship. You will also gain understanding of regulatory issues such as the Uniform Commercial Code, RUS requirements for procurement and competitive bidding processes.

**Unit III: Supply Chain Management Logistics (294.02)** In this unit, you will learn about developing, implementing, maintaining and monitoring supply management control functions to ensure optimum capacity and resources. You will learn how improved efficiencies can eliminate duplicate and non-productive work. The information obtained through this course will help to enable the supply management professional to gain a better understanding of the scope of supply chain logistics and impacts of technology on the processes used for supply management. Application of the techniques can provide opportunities to effectively and efficiently implement processes to control cost and mitigate risk for the organization.