

Reasons for You to Join the Institute for Supply Management™

- [Inside Supply Management®](#)

Our monthly magazine contains national and international information on new trends and developments in the profession plus insightful "how-to" articles. The magazine is published exclusively for ISM members.

- [Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing ISM Report On Business® \(ROB\)](#)

Published in *Inside Supply Management®*, our monthly survey of purchasing statistics is the first of its kind. It's considered by many economists to be the most reliable, near-term economic barometer available today.

- [Unlimited Access to ISM's Web Site](#)

Unlock the possibilities of this valuable research tool. Members can search an extensive database for information and articles on supply management issues, take part in professional forums, contact their local affiliates or other related organizations, and learn about ISM's assortment of educational products and services. Members also have access to:

- [The Online Career Center](#) - where you can search a database of employment listings from across the country, post your resume for organizations to see, or take advantage of other career-enhancing tools.
- [The ISM Online InfoCenter](#) - members can search an expansive articles database via the Internet, access the Frequently Asked Questions table, search ISM's Bid Specifications Database, and take advantage of free Resource Guides.

- **Purchasing Advocate**

No one understands better than ISM how purchasing affects the bottom line. One of our objectives is to promote the purchasing profession. Members have access to all ISM printed and electronic materials to help promote purchasing within the organizational infrastructure. We can help you communicate your value-added contributions to the senior management of your organization.

- **Affiliates**

Gain valuable contacts within your community during monthly meetings and educational functions. Keep on top of local industry changes and commodity trends. Be a part of a growing association run by and for purchasing and materials management professionals. [Find your closest affiliate](#) for more information.

- **CPSM** ISM offers the professional designation of Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM). The CPSM program focuses on the managerial, administrative, and strategic, as well as tactical aspects of the purchasing and materials management function. This program is administered by ISM and members receive discounts on exams and study materials.

- **Committees**

Acquire new skills in planning, managing, and organizing while developing your leadership potential. Some committee members report on economic conditions (the primary statistics become the highly-respected Report on Business®), direct ISM's annual conference, assist in program development, and much more. Only ISM members can participate.

- [Special Interest Groups and Forums](#)
Gain a deeper understanding of your purchasing specialty and develop valuable connections across the U.S. when you join an ISM special interest group or forum. ISM has groups in interest areas ranging from materials management to health care providers, to federal acquisitions. Only through ISM can you participate in the ISM special interest groups or forums.
- [CAPS Research](#) ISM members receive purchasing-related research studies and benchmarks free from CAPS, the only national not-for-profit research center in purchasing and materials management. CAPS sponsors three international roundtables throughout the year in North America, Europe, and Asia. Participants include more than one hundred Fortune 500 companies.
- [Seminar Discounts](#)
Enhance your professional development and job performance when you enroll in ISM seminars taught by experienced instructors. Over 90 seminars are conducted annually throughout the United States; intensive, one-week purchasing management programs are also conducted at selected universities. Members save up to \$200 on each two-day seminar and \$400 on each management program. Our satellite seminar series addresses different purchasing/supply management issues and is offered several times throughout the year. This live program allows you to interact with speakers and peers without leaving your city or affiliate area.
- [Professional Development Resources](#)
Over 80 different audio/video programs and over 50 different books to choose from. All programs are designed to heighten your acumen in a variety of subjects, including: global sourcing, negotiations, legal issues, and supply management. Video tapes are easily adaptable to individual or group presentations. Publications include: textbooks, workbooks, the TECHnotes series, with subject matter covering purchasing topics plus general business information. These professional development resources accommodate your unique schedule and pace, and ISM members save on all purchases and rentals.
- [Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit](#)
Network with 2000 peers at the only international conference devoted exclusively to purchasing and supply management. Examine emerging trends and challenges during comprehensive workshops conducted by your peers. Workshop presenters are selected as a result of ISM's "Call for Presentations." The conference attracts distinguished speakers to discuss current national and international issues and features several sessions highlighted by prominent corporate leaders. Members receive significant savings on registration fees.
- [ISM Knowledge Center](#)
Members can enroll in a free course on cost/price analysis, or take one of the growing number of other self-directed online courses and earn Continuing Education Hours toward recertification.

Who Can Join ISM?

Membership in ISM is open to any person interested in the supply management field provided that such person (i) is not primarily engaged in sales activity; or (ii) does not solicit business on behalf of such person or his or her employer during meetings of any ISM activity, including without limitation, meetings of Affiliated Associations (including chapters), ISM Committees, and ISM Groups and Forums. For the purposes of this section, "primarily"

shall mean a majority of a person's time. However, no person shall be ineligible by reason of incidentally disposing of scrap, surplus stock, or equipment of the concern by which he or she is employed. The eligibility of an editor, secretary or business manager employed by an Affiliated Association shall not be affected by reason of sales activity directly related to any magazine, bulletin or other publication, or exhibit, product, show or similar activity sponsored by such association.

In principle and in practice, the Institute values and seeks a diverse membership, volunteer leadership, and staff. There are no barriers to full participation in the Institute on the basis of ethnic background, gender, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

The Institute values the efforts, knowledge and commitment of all volunteers and staff, and structures the volunteer system to maintain continuity by encouraging participation in integrated activities to enhance value-added activities and optimize productivity.