



Nicole King holding her PG Certificate in Materiel Management, presented in Montreal at the annual forum of the Canadian Institute of Procurement and Materiel Management.

Nicole is with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Maritime Region, and is the first to be certified in materiel management.

Congratulations.

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# NICOLE KING

### CERTIFIED MATERIEL MANAGER

Nicole King is currently the regional vehicle fleet manager for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Maritime Region. The fleet she manages consists of over 300 motor vehicles, sedans, station wagons and utility trucks – 80 percent are light duty trucks and 20 percent are medium to heavy duty trucks.

Nicole is based in Dartmouth, NS. She recently attended the annual conference of the federal Canadian Institute of Procurement and Materiel Management, held in Montreal in mid-May. Aside from the valuable networking and information to be had at the sessions and the trade show, Nicole was there to be part of a special event – the presentation of her PG Certificate in Materiel Management. She is the first to graduate with this certificate.

Nicole was born in Baddeck, a charming town in Cape Breton, but she was raised in Alberta. She met her husband while in high

school, went to college, had a baby (she now has three children) and went to work for RTO enterprises. RTO transferred her to Nova Scotia where she continued working in the private sector for about two and a half years. A family member recommended that she seek work at DFO, which she did, participating in a competition for a term position as a CR3 in materiel services. Within a few short years she competed for a permanent CR4 position and has been with the materiel group now for nine years. She says she loves it.

Nicole is ambitious and decided to take further training. She took her certification courses over nearly five years while working at DFO. She was so close to completion she could ‘see’ it, but then discovered that the Commodity Management Course was not offered often in her region. Determined, she followed up on a lead from a colleague and contacted Susan Bridges at Treasury Board Secretariat, who suggested she take the course online as part of a pilot they were

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about to conduct. Fifteen people participated in the pilot that Campus Direct plans to roll out.

After completing the commodity management course, Nicole wrote her final exam, conducted by the Canada School of Public Service, in early March 2010. She was notified that she had passed on March 10. At the time of writing she is the only person in all of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to be certified and she is the first in all the federal government to be certified in materiel management.

Nicole wants very much to stay with DFO as she has found it to be a “wonderful and encouraging place to work.” She hopes to utilize her newly acquired skills and knowledge to broaden her range of responsibilities beyond her current ones with the vehicle fleet, and to help her to continue to grow both professionally and personally. Congratulations, Nicole. *MM*

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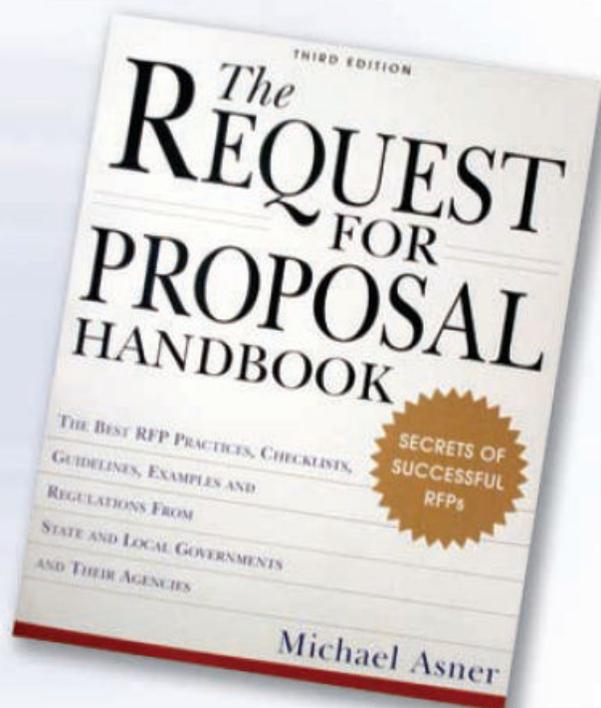
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