

NCMA TYSONS NEWSLETTER

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NCMA Tysons Monthly Talks

Welcome to the April 2025 edition of our chapter newsletter! This month is packed with exciting updates, highlights, and events.

We'll recap our recent get-togethers, shine a light on some of our amazing members, and share details on upcoming events. Read on to discover member achievements, upcoming events, and more!

Top News

Small Business Symposium
Recap, Member Article: Of
Interest in Federal Contracts

Member Spotlights: Bianca Ellis,
Sanjay Srikantiah, Angel Davis,
and Jean Lohier Valera

Event Recaps, Chapter
Updates, and More!





Event Recap- Small Business Symposium

Small Business Networking Symposium Recap

On March 7th, the NCMA Tysons Chapter hosted the highly anticipated Small Business Networking Symposium, and it was a resounding success! The first half of the morning was packed with attendees, and we even sold out—a testament to the value and impact of this event for small businesses in our community.

We had an incredible lineup of speakers, including Mr. Samuel Wiggins, Tonya M. Poindexter, Jerry Miles, Dondre Lawson, and Jason Hawkins. Their insights, expertise, and willingness to give back to the small business community made this event truly special. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them for their contributions and for sharing their knowledge and experiences. We look forward to welcoming them back for future events.

A special thank you to our sponsors: Cordia Resources, Distributed Solutions, Inc., and Unison, whose support throughout the year makes events like this possible. We also extend our gratitude to Appian for their generous in-kind sponsorship. Their support helped create a welcoming environment for networking and knowledge-sharing.

We also want to recognize and appreciate our partners, Virginia Minority Chambers, Inc and Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP), for their collaboration and commitment to empowering small businesses and fostering meaningful connections in the industry.

We are excited to continue providing opportunities like this for our members and look forward to even greater engagement in our upcoming events. Stay tuned for more networking and learning opportunities!





Event Recap– Faces in Leadership Event

From the moment the doors opened, real connections and real conversations sparked something powerful. The energy? Immaculate. The crowd? All in. The food, lighting, laughter, and flow—simply next level. The voices that filled the room made the day unforgettable. Our speakers *moved* us. They were honest about collaboration, shared their pivot stories, and dropped the kind of insights that make you pause and say, “I needed to hear that.” The three key words were: COLLABORATION, MENTORSHIP & PIVOT.

To our speakers, thank you for showing out. You created space for growth, honesty, and fire:

Janelle E. Taylor, Founder & CEO, JTOA Corporation

Darlene Petwaay, CEO, PMC Business Solutions, LLC

Colleen Timmer, Director of Contracts, ENSCO

Tonya Alston, Transformational Executive & Industry Leader

Tony Poindexter, Chief Operation Officer, Virginia Minority Chambers, Inc.

Kameke Mitchell, Office of Procurement Strategic Operations Director, NASA

Sia Floyd, President & CEO of Antean Technology

Angel N. Davis, Director of Federal Strategic Programs & Contracts, PFS, LLC.

Nancy Patel, General Manager, Commercial Business Unit, UNISON

A huge thanks to our event sponsor, Unison—your support helped elevate everything. And, to our friends and collaboration partners at Program Management Institute (PMI), Washington DC Chapter, we appreciate you :

Tareka Wheeler, Chapter President | Hoda Phillips, VP Programs

Janet Davison, AVP Programs | Madelaine Lara, Co-Chair Evening Programs

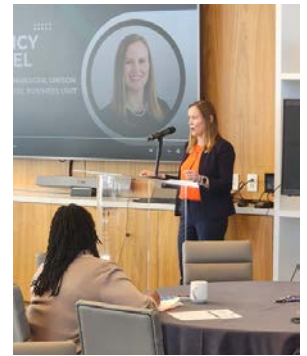
With the support of chapter / board members, the logistics of the entire event were seamless. Thank you: Darlene Petway, Stephanie Lemaitre, Nathanael Phillippe Lohier, Consuella Hopkins, Bianca Ellis, Kymiel Standfier, Hoda Phillips, and Janet Davison. And to the one who caught it all through the lens—Michael Anthony of PureFlow Productions—thank you for capturing the energy in every frame!

This wasn't just another event. It was a moment. And moments like that don't just happen—they're created by community. Let's keep this momentum going.





Event Recap– Faces in Leadership Event





Event Recap– CMLDP Q&A

Unlock your potential!

Apply to NCMA's Contract Management Leadership Development Program.

This 12-month program is designed to enhance leadership skills in contract management. Benefits include:

- Valuable Guidance
- Comprehensive Training
- Dedicated Mentorship
- Networking Opportunities

Applications Close May 2nd, 2025

On March 31st, we successfully hosted a dynamic virtual info session for the Contract Management Leadership & Development Program facilitated by our very own Chapter VP Membership, [Consuella Hopkins](#). With nearly 20 attendees joining us online, the event provided an insightful overview of the program and its benefits.

Participants had the unique opportunity to hear directly from CMLDP graduates who shared their personal journeys, career growth, and the impact the program has had on their professional paths. Attendees also received guidance on the application process, including how to effectively use key buzzwords to strengthen their submissions.

The session served not only as an informational resource but also as a source of inspiration, as current and former cohort members discussed how CMLDP helped propel them forward in their careers.

As always, we want to remind our members that NCMA Tysons is here to support you. Whether you're applying for the program or simply seeking guidance on your professional journey, we are committed to helping you succeed.



Of Interest in Federal Contracts

Presidential Actions:

Eliminating Waste and Saving Taxpayer Dollars by Consolidating Procurement – The White House

On March 20, 2025 President Trump issued Executive Order (EO) entitled Eliminating Waste and Saving Taxpayer Dollars by Consolidating Procurement. The order seeks to consolidate domestic procurement for common goods and services under GSA. In addition, the EO consolidates responsibility for GWAC management to GSA.

Additional Rescissions Of Harmful Executive Orders And Actions

President Trump issued the Additional Rescissions Of Harmful Executive Orders And Actions Executive Order on March 14, 2025 to rescind numerous Executive Orders issued by former Presidents. A few of the rescinded orders are:

1. National Security Memorandum 3 of February 4, 2021 (Revitalizing America's Foreign Policy and National Security Workforce, Institutions, and Partnerships).
2. Executive Order 14026 of April 27, 2021 (Increasing the Minimum Wage for Federal Contractors).
3. Presidential Memorandum of January 17, 2023 (Delegation of Authority Under Section 6501(b)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022).
4. National Security Memorandum 18 of February 23, 2023 (United States Conventional Arms Transfer Policy).
5. Presidential Memorandum of February 27, 2023 (Presidential Waiver of Statutory Requirements Pursuant to Section 303 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, on Department of Defense Supply Chains Resilience).
6. Executive Order 14112 of December 6, 2023 (Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations to Better Embrace Our Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination).
7. Executive Order 14126 of September 6, 2024 (Investing in America and Investing in American Workers).

GAO Decisions:

B-423197.2, B-423197.3, B-423197.5, MicroTechnologies LLC, March 4, 2025

MicroTechnologies LLC, of Delray Beach, Florida asserts that the Air Force unreasonably evaluated professional employee compensation plans FAR 52.222-46, Evaluation of Compensation for Professional Employees (Feb 1993), unreasonably evaluated the realism of non-professional direct labor rates, and failed to conduct a price risk analysis required by the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 252.204-7024 Notice on the Use of the Supplier Performance Risk System (MAR 2023). GAO sustained the protest stating, "...the agency's evaluation of professional employee compensation plans and price realism analysis of non-professional direct labor rates to be unreasonable. We also find that the Air Force failed to conduct the price risk analysis required under DFARS provision 252.204-7024."



Chapter Updates

Subcontract Management Series – Part II

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the second session of our Subcontract Management Series! We're thrilled to share that the event was a virtual success—with nearly a full house in attendance. Our expert facilitators, [Kristina Staley](#), [Kimberly Rinder](#), and [Cobina Walkland](#) from Edge Consulting delivered actionable insights and practical strategies that attendees can apply to their work in subcontracting. We're excited to keep the momentum going with Part III. Your continued engagement makes these programs impactful. Let's keep building on this knowledge together!

Don't Miss the Subcontracting Series Part III: Performance and Post-Award Activities

👉 Join Speakers from Capital Edge Consulting for the last session of the in depth, virtual Series

💻: Virtual Zoom Meeting

🕒: April 9th 1:30 – 3:30pm ET

[Click here to sign up](#)

Program Update: Contract Lifecycle Series (CLS) – Accounting Systems Requirements Course

Please note that the Accounting Systems Requirements course under the Contract Lifecycle Series (CLS), originally scheduled for March 27th, has been postponed. A new date will be announced soon—stay tuned for updates!

Need Support or Job Resources?

If you or someone you know is currently seeking employment, exploring new opportunities, or in need of professional resources, don't forget to visit the Resources tab on our chapter website at www.ncmatysons.org. We've compiled helpful tools, job links, and support information to assist you in your journey. We're here to support our members—don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or need guidance

NCMA Tysons & George Mason University Career Fair

📅 : April 22, 2025 from 2-4pm Eastern

📍 : George Mason University, The Hub Ballroom

💡 : Join us at the NCMA Tysons & George Mason Spring Career Fair as a sponsored organization to connect with top talent from George Mason!

REGISTER NOW: [CLICK HERE](#)

Apply for the NCMA Fellow Award

The Fellow Award is one of the highest individual honors within NCMA, recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to contract management. Interested? Review the current “[NCMA Fellows Award Eligibility and Evaluation](#)” [Criteria here](#). Whether you're just beginning to explore the possibility of applying or are ready to submit, the Tysons Chapter is here to help you succeed!

Member Spotlights:



Board of Advisors

Angel Davis is recognized for her strategic foresight, commitment to mentorship, and ongoing support of the chapter's growth. As a trusted advisor, Angel has consistently provided thoughtful guidance that has positively influenced leadership decisions and strengthened partnerships. Her efforts to foster collaboration and elevate the chapter's visibility are deeply appreciated.



Jean Lohier Valera is spotlighted for his dedication to excellence and his role in shaping the strategic direction of the chapter. His depth of knowledge and sound counsel have made a significant impact on various initiatives. Jean's steady presence and willingness to provide perspective and mentorship have been invaluable to the Board and broader chapter leadership.



Board of Directors

Sanjay Srikantiah – Director of Chapter-to-Chapter Relations Sanjay is being recognized for his dedication to building strong inter-chapter relationships and fostering collaboration across the NCMA community. His proactive engagement and efforts to establish meaningful connections with other chapters have enhanced the visibility and reputation of our chapter. Sanjay's commitment to bridging gaps and creating opportunities for knowledge sharing exemplifies the spirit of partnership.



Bianca Ellis – Director of Sponsorship Bianca is spotlighted for her outstanding work in driving sponsorship engagement and managing critical behind-the-scenes operations. Since stepping into her role, Bianca has played a vital part in strengthening sponsor relations and developing strategies that support the chapter's sustainability and growth. Her attention to detail, professionalism, and willingness to go above and beyond make her an invaluable asset to the Board of Directors and the entire chapter.

Thank you to our Partners!



Thank you to our Sponsors!



Exciting Opportunities Ahead

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the NCMA Tysons Chapter? We're gearing up for an exciting new program year, and there will be opportunities to join our Board of Directors!

Be on the lookout on our social media platforms and in the next monthly newsletter for details about open board positions and how you can apply.

Whether you're looking to enhance your leadership skills, give back to the contracting community, or expand your professional network — your next opportunity to lead could be just around the corner!



*"Move forward.
Good things are
up ahead."*

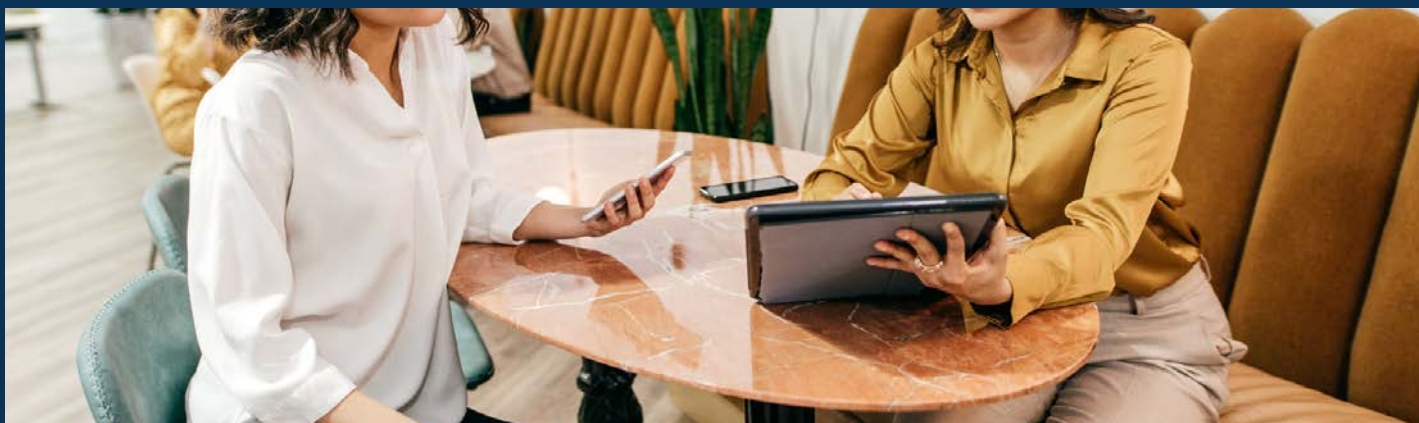
Upcoming

Events

- April 9: Part III Subcontracting Series: Performance and Post Award Activities (Virtual)
- April 17: CLS: Multiple Award Schedules, Federal Supply Schedules, GWACS & Oasis (Virtual)
- April- TBD: Contract Lifecycle Series (CLS) – Accounting Systems Requirements Course.
- April 22: NCMA Tysons & George Mason University Career Fair (In-Person).
- April 30: Chapter Dinner Meeting at Marciano's (In-Person)– Connect in person with fellow chapter members and enjoy an evening of networking, discussions, and updates on chapter initiatives.

Chapter Board Opportunities

- Become a Tysons Chapter Mentor/Mentee for next Program Year
- Volunteer to teach a CPCM or CFCM Bootcamp for next Program Year
- Submit to the NCMA Tysons Newsletter
- Director of Awards
- Director of Chapter Recognition
- Director of Mentoring
- Director of Government Relations & Regulations
- Director of Policies and Guidelines, Procedures & Guidelines



CALL TO ACTION

EMBRACE THE ERA OF RENEWAL! EMPOWERING FUTURES & BUILDING BRIDGES



Get Involved

Volunteer your time and talents to support our initiatives.

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Attend Events

Join us for our upcoming events and network with our community.

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Sponsorship

Consider becoming a sponsor. Your sponsorship will enable us to continue our vital work and reach even more individual needs.

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Spread the Word

Repost and engage with our Social Media accounts. Share this newsletter and invite others to get involved.

Together, we can continue to make a meaningful impact on our community.
We look forward to your participation and support.