

NCMA TYSONS NEWSLETTER

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NCMA Tysons Monthly Talks

Welcome to the August 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

Member Article: Intervention
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Committee

Event Recaps, Chapter
Updates, and More!





Event Recap– World Congress 2025

NCMA World Congress 2025 – A Moment to Reflect

As World Congress 2025 has ended, the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Tysons Chapter would like to take a moment to celebrate the unforgettable experiences shared over the past few days.

This year's Congress reminded us why our community is so strong, from impactful sessions to meaningful networking and leadership connections. Thank you to our chapter members who captured and shared powerful moments from the event—these snapshots reflect the energy, engagement, and excellence we witnessed throughout.

We're proud to be part of a professional community that continues to grow, inspire, and lead purposefully. As we prepare for the upcoming program year, let's carry this momentum forward.





Event Recap– World Congress 2025

Double the Celebration: Leadership in Action & Chapter Excellence!

The NCMA Tysons Chapter is thrilled to celebrate not one, but two incredible achievements that showcase the strength, dedication, and excellence of our Chapter!

First, we proudly recognize Darlene Petway, MBA, PMP® and Christopher Ables-Sinclair, graduates of the Contract Management Leadership Development Program (CMLDP) Class of 2024–2025! Their hard work, growth, and commitment to leadership development exemplify the values we hold as a chapter. We are proud to have them as part of our leadership pipeline and community.

Second, we are honored to share that the NCMA Tysons Chapter has received the Chapter Excellence Award—a national recognition of our collective impact, programming, innovation, and dedication to advancing the contract management profession.

These achievements are not isolated—they reflect the heart of our chapter: investing in leaders, fostering growth, and creating a standard of excellence we can all be proud of.



Member Submitted Article

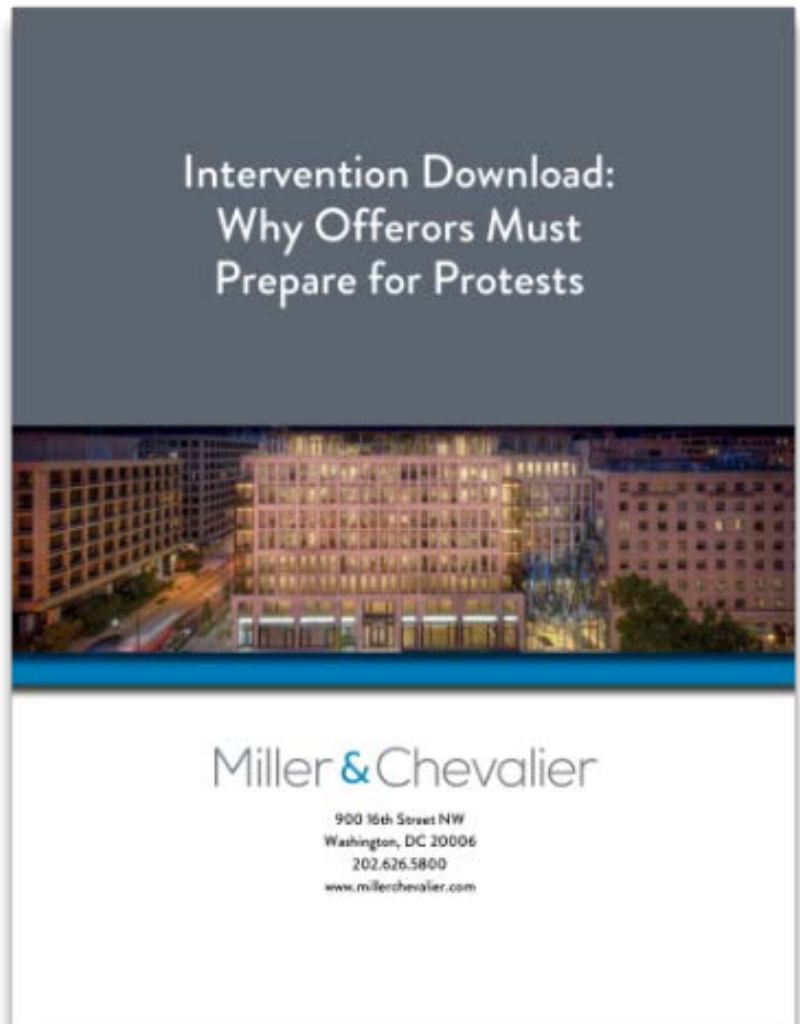
Intervention Download: Why Offerors Must Prepare for Protests

by Scott Flesch

Introduction

Intervention is the process by which awardees of a federal contract and other interested parties participate in bid protest litigation before the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Court of Federal Claims (COFC). Intervention allows offerors to represent their interests in bid protest litigation and is the most impactful way for awardees to adequately protect their contract award. But intervention is not an automatic process. Protests usually develop rapidly, and interested parties must prioritize entry into the process the right way, with the right representative, as quickly as they can for numerous reasons.

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reading the full article >>>*





Chapter Updates

2025 Dulles Plane Pull!

Join the team or donate below

Join our team, NCMA Tysons Chapter!

We are fundraising for the 2025 Dulles Plane Pull! You should join us and work together to support Special Olympics Virginia and a truly awesome cause.

Let's make it happen!

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Please help us in support of the Special Olympics Virginia by making a donation through our team's fundraising page for the 2025 Dulles Day Plane Pull®. Even a small donation will help us achieve our goal in supporting the athletes of Special Olympics Virginia! The process is fast, easy, and secure. Thanks so much

for your support.

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Chapter Updates

Congrats!

Three Leaders. One Competitive Program.

We're proud to announce that three outstanding members of our chapter have been selected for the highly competitive and nationally recognized Contract Management Leadership Development Program (CMLDP):

Consuela Hopkins

Asif Gangat

Zaryalai Safi, CPCM, CFCM

The CMLDP is designed for top-tier emerging leaders across the country — those who demonstrate a strong track record of service, impact, and the potential to lead at the highest levels. Selection is rigorous, and only a select few are chosen each year.

This is a major achievement not only for these individuals, but also for our chapter as a whole. We are incredibly proud of their growth, commitment, and continued leadership.



The Nominations and Elections Committee Spotlight

This month, we proudly shine our spotlight on the Nominations and Elections Committee — a dedicated group whose commitment and professionalism have helped shape the future of our chapter. From the very start of the election season, the committee approached their work with integrity, thoroughness, and an unwavering focus on compliance. They conducted a rigorous review process for all candidates, ensuring that every nominee met the qualifications and standards set forth by our chapter's bylaws and governance policies.

Through their careful evaluation, the committee not only safeguarded the fairness and transparency of the election process but also ensured that our leadership team reflects the highest level of excellence and readiness to serve. Their efforts have directly contributed to building a strong, capable, and accountable Board of Directors for the year ahead.

We extend our sincere thanks to each member of the committee for their service:

Jean Lohier, Chair, Board Advisor
Stephanie Lemitre, Co-Chair, VP Certification
Bianca Ellis, Secretary
Kymiel Standiford, Secretary
Janelle Taylor, Board Advisor
Brianna Fowler, VP Operations

Your attention to detail, dedication to fairness, and steadfast commitment have made a lasting impact.

We are grateful for your hard work in upholding the principles that keep our chapter strong.

Thank you to our Partners!



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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! **See the next page for a list of open positions.**

Be on the lookout on our social media platforms and in the next monthly newsletter for details about 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!



Upcoming

Events

- September 12, 2025- Navigating the New Normal Event
- September 13, 2025- Dulles Plane Pull

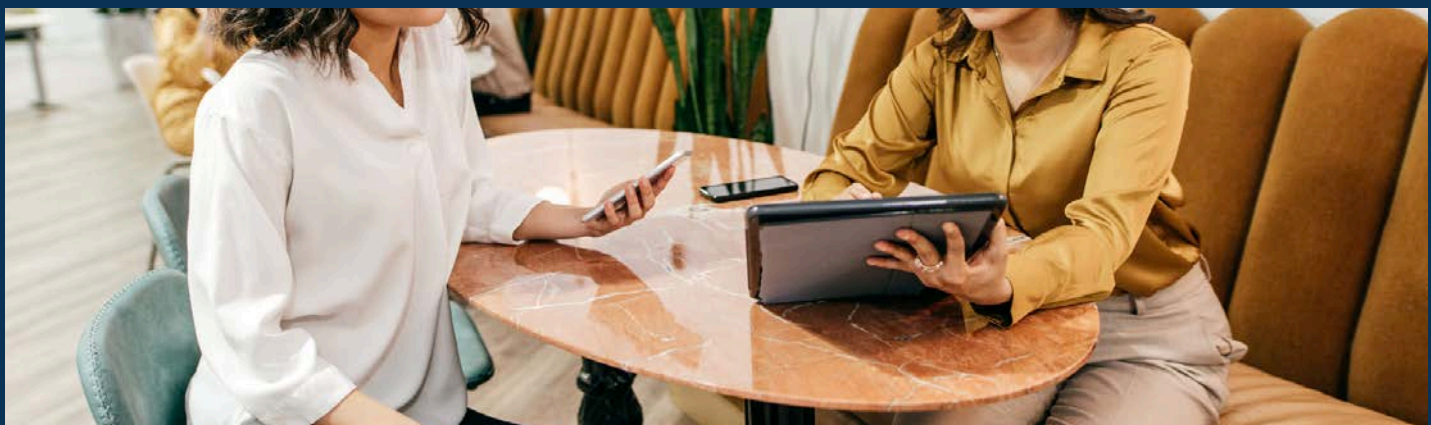
More to come!

Chapter Board Opportunities

- Director of Fellows
- Director Controller
- Director of Sponsorships
- Director of Chapter Volunteers
- Director of CMLDP & Young Professionals
- Director of Mentorship
- Director of Budget & Finance
- Director of Chapter-to-Chapter Relations
- Director of Program Support
- Director of Government Relations & Policies
- Director of Training
- Director of Social Media

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