

NCMA TYSONS NEWSLETTER

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NCMA Tysons Monthly Talks

Welcome to the December 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 Spotlight: Yolanda Dockery and Tonya Lovelace

Announcing New Members,
Call for Sponsors, and Call for
Volunteers.

Event Recaps, Chapter
Updates, and More!





A Message

From Your NCMA Tysons Chapter President

As we enter this season of rest, reflection, and celebration, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each member of the NCMA Tysons community. Whether you are preparing for Christmas, lighting the Hanukkah candles, honoring the principles of Kwanzaa, or simply taking time to breathe and reset, I hope this month brings you peace, connection, and joy.

This year has been one of growth, collaboration, and shared purpose. Our chapter has thrived because of you — our members, sponsors, partners, Board of Directors, Board of Advisors, volunteers, and the dedicated professionals who continue to bring energy, ideas, and commitment to this profession. Your contributions are seen, valued, and appreciated.

The holiday season reminds us to pause, reflect, and give thanks. May you find moments of laughter, rest, renewal, and meaningful connection with those you hold dear. May this season fill your homes, your hearts, and your work in the new year with inspiration, clarity, and opportunity.

From our NCMA Tysons family to yours — we wish you a happy, healthy, and hopeful holiday season.

Thank you for being part of this community. Thank you for your passion for excellence. And thank you for helping us continue to build a chapter that empowers contract management professionals at every level.

We look forward to stepping into 2026 with purpose, momentum, and a calendar full of powerful learning, networking, and leadership experiences.

Carpe Diem,

Lawrence K. Davies, Jr.
President, NCMA Tysons



Sponsored Article

Smart Tools, Seasoned Judgment: How AI is Elevating Federal Acquisition. *Amanda Price, Director, Unison Virtual Acquisition Office*

The acquisition world is shifting fast, and AI isn't here to replace the contracting workforce — it's here to amplify it. In "Smart Tools, Seasoned Judgment: How AI Activates Federal Acquisition Expertise," Unison Global highlights a growing trend in federal procurement: pairing contracting expertise with intelligent automation to accelerate compliance, strengthen decision-making, and reduce workload for busy 1102s and industry professionals.

The article breaks down a significant challenge we all know too well — countless hours spent digging through FAR clauses, old SharePoint folders, template drives, or email chains to verify policy requirements. Instead of general-purpose AI that gives generic answers, the most beneficial tools are built on real acquisition content: clause libraries, policy guidance, templates, and regulatory triggers explicitly designed for procurement workflows.

With the proper AI backing, drafting acquisition packages becomes faster, more accurate, and more intuitive — surfacing relevant clauses, suggesting documentation requirements, and flagging when thresholds or socio-economic rules apply. In short, it transforms acquisition from reactive correction into proactive compliance.

But the core message is clear: AI enhances expertise, not replaces it. Judgment, interpretation, negotiation, and mission understanding will always belong to the human professional — AI creates space for acquisition teams to operate with clarity, speed, and confidence.

This is the future of contracting: innovative tools + human expertise working together.

For the full article, please click the icon below:





Upcoming

Events

- **December and 17th** Women Giving Back (WGB) Snack Pack sponsored by Holland & Knight, LLP
- **December 18th** Jingle & Mingle Holiday Party — jointly with NCMA Dulles Corridor — Oh, George! Tables and Taphouse, 10659C Braddock Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032
- January 14th, Jan. 28th, and Feb 11th Success Strategies for Small Business Contract Managers — A Three-Part Series with Jessica Johnson
- More 2026 Programming Announcements Coming Soon — Stay Tuned!

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



Event Recap

Navigating the Latest FAR Changes: Risks to Results

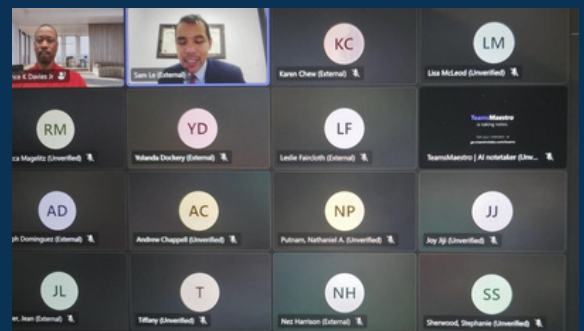
Navigating the Latest FAR Changes: Risks to Results with Sam Le delivered serious value.

From acquisition strategy to real-world execution, we walked away sharper, more informed, and more future-ready as contracting leaders. The energy, the dialogue, the learning — all top-tier.

We extend our sincere thanks to Sam Le for his time, expertise, and insights. His perspective helped elevate today's conversation, and we're grateful for his generosity in knowledge and presence.

And to every member who joined us — thank you for attending, for prioritizing growth amid packed calendars, and for contributing to the dialogue. This community gets stronger because you invest in it.

Stay tuned — more great programming ahead.





Monthly Shout-Out Welcome New Members

✨ NCMA Tysons: Celebrating Our New Members ✨

We are thrilled to have you join our community this month! Your membership connects you with a network of professionals, valuable resources, and opportunities for learning, growth, and leadership. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and engaging with you as we work together to strengthen our chapter and support contracting professionals.

Michael	Woodham
Jacob	Commodore
Alex	Bittner
Kennessa	Drayton
Anthony	Hernandez
Dan	McNulty
Christopher	Smith
Monica	Harris
Brian	Heller
Allison	Powell
Zoe	Tuck
Samuel	Sims
Sudha	Hillary
Jeff	Kuper
Corey	Jarzyniecki
James	Cahill
Christina	Garvin
Missy	Pugh

Monthly Shout-Out Member Spotlight

Tonya Lovelace



Yolanda Dockery



This month, we're proud to highlight two powerhouse leaders whose commitment to service is pushing NCMA Tysons into a new era of outreach, connection, and community impact.

Tonya Lovelace, VP Outreach: Tonya's leadership has been a cornerstone of NCMA Tysons for more than seven years. Her consistency, her strategic mindset, and her authenticity continue to set the standard for what transformational leadership looks like within our chapter. This year, Tonya expanded our outreach ecosystem in ways that will have long-term ripple effects. She established a meaningful partnership with Alzheimer's Outreach, aligning our chapter with a mission that touches families and communities nationwide. She also forged an essential partnership with Women Giving Back, strengthening our chapter's capacity to serve women and children in need. These relationships aren't short-term transactions. They are sustainable, forward-thinking collaborations that will deepen the chapter's mission for years to come. Tonya reminds us that outreach is not an activity. It's a calling. NCMA Tysons is stronger because she keeps responding.

Yolanda Dockery, Director of Chapter-to-Chapter Relations: Yolanda stepped onto the Board this year and instantly made her presence felt. As the President of IM Solutions, she brings executive-level leadership, operational savvy, and a clarity of purpose that aligns seamlessly with our chapter's mission. While still new to the Board, Yolanda has already taken initiative in ways that demonstrate not just readiness, but ownership. She immediately formed a partnership with the Lorton Community Action Center, opening a new service pathway that expands our chapter's reach and relevance. She jumps in wherever she's needed, fully embodying the spirit of collaboration and advancing the chapter. Her leadership is intentional. Her drive is unmistakable. And her impact is already shaping the future of NCMA Tysons.

Tonya and Yolanda represent the best of who we are. Their vision, initiative, and commitment to service continue to elevate the chapter and pave the way for long-lasting community partnerships. We are grateful. We are proud. We are excited about the work ahead.



Chapter Updates

Elevating How We Work: Governance & Digital Modernization

While most people were unplugging over Thanksgiving, the NCMA Tysons Executive Leadership Team balanced rest with runway. We used the long weekend to advance several high-impact infrastructure projects that will strengthen chapter operations and enhance the member experience.

- *SharePoint Governance Build-Out*: Our team continued constructing a streamlined, secure SharePoint environment with flat libraries, metadata-driven organization, and role-based access controls. This work sets the foundation for a more efficient, transparent operational model.
- *Migration to Microsoft 365*: The chapter is officially transitioning from Google Workspace to Microsoft 365. This shift will unify collaboration, support better document management, and modernize how committees and board leaders coordinate and deliver value.
- *Digital Infrastructure Enhancements*: We advanced new governance templates, workflow improvements, and backend operational systems to reduce friction and support consistent execution across programs, operations, communications, sponsorship, and membership.

This ongoing transformation reflects our commitment to operational excellence and our

focus on building a chapter that serves members with clarity, structure, and forward momentum.

Expect more updates as the rollout continues

Lead the Future, Join a Committee

The National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Tysons Chapter is elevating for the 2025–2026 program year, and our committees are seeking driven, future-minded members ready to lead from the front.

If you're looking to expand your network, sharpen your leadership skills, and shape real impact in the contracting community, this is your moment.

We're recruiting across four committees:
Faces in Leadership Committee
Editorial Review Committee
Small Business Committee
Student Outreach Committee

Every team offers hands-on opportunities, visibility with chapter leadership, and the chance to help design the next evolution of our chapter.

**Registration is open through December 15:
25-26 Program Year Committee Registration**



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See How the “Secret Sauce” Is Made — Join Our Monthly Board Meetings

Ever wondered how chapter initiatives come together behind the scenes? We invite **all** members to join us at our monthly board meetings to see the process in action. Participation is simple:

1. Visit our **Chapter Website**
2. You can navigate to the Events page.
3. View the Calendar of Events to find upcoming board meeting dates.
4. Register for a free ticket that secures your spot.

By attending, you'll gain firsthand insight into how decisions are made, how programs are shaped, and how we collaborate to serve our members and the broader contracting community.

We want to encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to stay informed and engaged with your chapter leadership.



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