

# NCMA TYSONS NEWSLETTER

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## NCMA Tysons Monthly Talks

Welcome to the March 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

Reflecting on Nexus, Keeping you Informed, and Looking Ahead...

Member Spotlight: Darlene Petway and Chris Ables-Sinclair

Event Recaps, Chapter Updates, and More!





## Event Recap- Nexus

### Reflections on the NCMA Nexus Conference 2025: A Hub for Collaboration, Innovation, and Growth

From February 9th through 12th, contract management professionals from across the country gathered in Long Beach, California, for the Second Annual NCMA Nexus Conference. The event was designed to bridge the future of acquisition with today's contract management challenges. This year's conference was nothing short of transformative, and filled with thought-provoking discussions, high-impact networking, and invaluable insights from industry leaders.

The conference agenda was packed with dynamic sessions and featured an impressive lineup of keynote speakers, each of which offered unique perspectives on the future of contract management. Attendees engaged in deep discussions about pressing topics, including:

- AI and Automation in Acquisition: Experts explored how artificial intelligence is reshaping federal and commercial procurement, highlighting real-world applications and challenges.
- Supply Chain Resilience and Risk Management: A panel of industry leaders and government officials discussed the evolving global supply chain landscape and how organizations can better prepare for disruptions.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Contracting: Thought leaders shared strategies for promoting supplier diversity and fostering a more inclusive acquisition ecosystem.
- Regulatory and Policy Changes: Sessions addressed key regulatory shifts, including FAR updates and compliance best practices, ensuring attendees left with actionable insights.

This year's Nexus Conference was a testament to our commitment to developing future leaders, as we supported the Contract Management Leadership Development Program 2025 cohort at their Nexus Presentations. Two of these wonderful cohort members are our spotlighted members for the month (Darlene Petway and Chris Ables-Sinclair)!



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## Event Recap– Nexus contd.



With Nexus 2025 behind us, we are already looking ahead to World Congress and other upcoming NCMA events that will continue to shape the future of acquisition. If you have thoughts or takeaways from the Nexus Conference, we'd love to hear them! Feel free to share your insights with us as we continue to foster professional development and excellence in contract management.

**Here's to another successful NCMA Nexus Conference—and to the bright future ahead for our chapter's leaders and the entire contract management community!**

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## **Important: Keeping you Informed**

### **Updates on Our Events and Programs Under the New Administration: Executive Orders**

**As we navigate the evolving landscape of government policies, we want to keep you informed about some necessary adjustments to our upcoming events. Due to recent executive orders issued by the new administration, government employees are currently restricted from speaking at or participating in our events.**

**While this presents a shift in how we structure certain programs, we remain committed to delivering high-quality events, insightful discussions, and valuable networking opportunities. To align with these new guidelines, you may notice some event name changes and modifications in our programming moving forward.**

**Even in this changing environment, our commitment to supporting one another as a chapter remains stronger than ever. We understand that adjustments like these can bring uncertainty, but please know that we are here to assist in any way we can. If there's anything we can do to support you at the chapter level, don't hesitate to reach out to us at [support@ncmatyson.org](mailto:support@ncmatyson.org).**

**We appreciate your flexibility and continued engagement. Stay tuned for more updates, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!**

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## Of Interest in Federal Contracts

### Presidential Actions:

**SAM.gov**: In response to President Trump's Executive Order (EO) on Diversity, GSA issued a memorandum on January 22, 2025 stating its intent to suspend enforcement of DEI related clauses in its contract.

**Pausing Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Enforcement to Further American Economic and National Security – The White House** This Executive Order, issued February 10, 2025, requires the Attorney General to review the FCPA over the next 180 days. During this period, the EO halts new FCPA investigations and enforcement actions.

**Ensuring Accountability for All Agencies – The White House** The February 18, 2025, EO ultimately requires "independent agencies" to submit significant regulations to the OMB OIRA for review prior to publication and to regularly consult with the White House. Additionally, it states that interpretations of law shall be made by the President and Attorney General, under the President's "supervision and control".

**Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Regulatory Initiative – The White House** On February 19, 2025 President Trump issued an Executive Order titled "Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency' Regulatory Initiative" aimed at reviewing federal regulations to refine government operations. By April 20, 2025 agency heads, in coordination with DOGE must review regulations and identify those that are unconstitutional, based on unlawful delegations of legislative power, not authorized by statute, "*implicate matters of social, political, or economic significance that are not authorized by clear statutory authority*", impose significant costs without commensurate public benefit, impede "*technological innovation, infrastructure development, disaster response, inflation reduction, research and development, economic development, energy production, land use, and foreign policy objectives*" and impose undue burdens on small businesses. Paragraph (d) states, "*The Administrator of OIRA shall consult with agency heads to develop a Unified Regulatory Agenda that seeks to rescind or modify these regulations, as appropriate.*" Exemptions include national security, military, immigration, foreign affairs, executive branch employee management, and OMB Director exemptions.

**America First Investment Policy – The White House** The Presidential Memorandum issued on February 21, 2025, seeks to facilitate investment in the United States by allies and partners while also discouraging and monitoring investment by foreign adversaries. [Click here to read the Fact Sheet](#)

### GAO Decisions:

**The Mission Essential Group, LLC | U.S. GAO** Challenges the agency determination of statutory and regulatory requirements applied to determine the use of LPTA award criteria, DFARS 215-101-2-70(a)(1). Mission Essential protested the award of a task order under the Air Force's Advisory and Assistance Services (A&AS V) contract, a multiple award, indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract on a LPTA basis and that the solicitation unduly restricts competition. GAO sustained the protest.

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## Event Recap: Winter-Spring CLS

### Winter-Spring Contract Lifecycle Series Kicks Off with a Successful Subcontracting Course!

The NCMA Tysons Chapter successfully launched the first course in our Winter-Spring Contract Lifecycle Series (CLS) on February 26, 2025, with an engaging and insightful session on subcontracting. This virtual session brought together professionals eager to deepen their understanding of subcontracting principles, compliance requirements, and best practices for effective subcontract management.

The learning environment was interactive and dynamic, with participants actively engaging in discussions, asking insightful questions, and sharing their experiences in the field. Topics covered ranged from key subcontracting regulations to negotiation strategies and risk mitigation techniques, providing attendees with practical knowledge to apply in their careers.

Feedback from participants highlighted the depth of content, the clarity of instruction, and the value of real-world examples shared throughout the session. The course served as a strong foundation for our CLS series, setting the stage for future learning opportunities.

Looking ahead, our next course, "Multiple Award Schedules," is scheduled for March 6, 2025. This session will delve into the intricacies of MAS contracts, including compliance, pricing strategies, and how contractors can effectively utilize these vehicles to secure government opportunities.

We encourage all members to register early and take advantage of this educational series designed to enhance professional growth in government contracting.

To secure your spot for the next session, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1238105319339?aff=oddtcreator>.

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## Chapter Updates



### Join Us as a Volunteer for the Faces in Leadership Networking Event!

The NCMA Tysons Chapter is partnering with the PMI Washington, D.C. Chapter to bring you the Faces in Leadership Networking Event—and **we need your help!**

📅 Date: March 27, 2025

🕒 Time: 10 AM - 4 PM

📍 Location: Watermark Hotel, Tysons Corner, Virginia

💡 We're looking for dedicated volunteers to assist with event setup, registration, attendee engagement, and logistical support throughout the day.

This event will bring together leaders, project managers, acquisition professionals, and rising talent to exchange insights, foster mentorship, and build lasting professional relationships.

Why Volunteer? Gain exclusive access to a premier networking and leadership event, expand your professional network, strengthen your leadership skill, and make an impact by helping create a seamless and engaging experience for attendees!

🎯 Sign Up Today! Email [president@ncmatysons.org](mailto:president@ncmatysons.org) or fill out this form to secure your spot: [here](#)



### Ready to Become an NCMA Fellow?

Unsure where to start? Bring your questions to the NCMA Tysons Chapter's Fellow Application Question and Answer Session!

📅 Date: March 4, 2025

📍 Location: Virtual

💰 Cost: Free

💡 Join the Tysons Chapter for a free, virtual Q&A session where you can learn everything you need to know about the prestigious Fellows Award.

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## Chapter Updates

### **CLS: Multiple Award Schedules, Federal Supply Schedules, GWACS & Oasis**

📅 Date: March 6, 2025

📍 Location: Virtual

💡 Description: This 2 hour class covers the following contract vehicles: Multiple Award Schedules, Federal Supply Schedules, GWACS & Oasis

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### **NCMA Tysons CLS: Accounting System Requirements**

📅 Date: March 13, 2025

📍 Location: Virtual

💡 Description: This NCMA Tysons' CLS covers the DFARS Accounting System Requirements.

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### **Looking to connect with Small Businesses? Attend NCMA's Small Business Networking Symposium**

📅 Date: March 7, 2025

📍 Location: Appian Corporation, 7950 Jones branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102

💡 Description: NCMA Tysons is hosting a Small Business Networking Symposium & Happy Hour. Hear from Gov and Primes & participate in industry matchmaking!

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### **Are you looking for a new position? Do you have employment opportunities to promote?**

#### **NCMA Tysons & George Mason University Career Fair**

📅 Date: March 26, 2025

📍 Location: George Mason University, The Hub

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

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#### **NCMA & PMI Washington, DC Chapters - Faces in Leadership Networking Event**

📅 Date: March 27, 2025

📍 Location: Watermark Hotel, Tysons Corner, Virginia

💡 Description: The NCMA Tysons & PMI Washington, DC chapters are hosting the 2025 Faces in Leadership Networking Event!

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Stay tuned for more updates.  
We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

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## Member Spotlights: Chris Ables-Sinclair and Darlene Petway



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### A Proud Moment for NCMA Tysons: Fostering Future Leaders

At NCMA Tysons, we take immense pride in developing and supporting the next generation of contract management leaders. This year's Nexus Conference was a testament to our commitment, as our very own Chris Ables-Sinclair and Darlene Petway, members of the CMLDP (Contract Management Leadership Development Program) 2025 cohort, took the stage to present their first group project at the Second Annual Nexus Conference.

This exclusive CMLDP session provided rising leaders the opportunity to showcase their analytical skills, strategic thinking, and ability to collaborate on real-world contract management challenges. The presentation was a significant milestone for the cohort, as they demonstrated their expertise and thought leadership to peers and industry professionals.

We are incredibly proud of Chris and Darlene, for representing NCMA Tysons with excellence, dedication, and innovation. Their participation at Nexus is just one example of how our chapter continues to groom leaders who will shape the future of our profession.

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# Upcoming

## Events

- March 4: NCMA Fellow Q&A Event
- March 6: CLS: Multiple Award Schedules, Federal Supply Schedules, GWACS & Oasis
- March 7: Small Business Networking Symposium
- March 13: NCMA Tysons CLS: Accounting System Requirements
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- March 21st: Pinnacle's First Business Mastermind of 2025 Final Session and Graduation
- March 26: NCMA Tysons George Mason Career Fair
- March 27: NCMA & PMI Washington, DC Chapters – Faces in Leadership Networking Event

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Become a Tysons Chapter Mentor/Mentee
- Volunteer to teach a CPCM or CFCM Bootcamp
- Submit to the NCMA Tysons Newsletter
- Director of Awards
- Director of Chapter Recognition
- Director of Mentoring
- Director of Government Relations & Regulations
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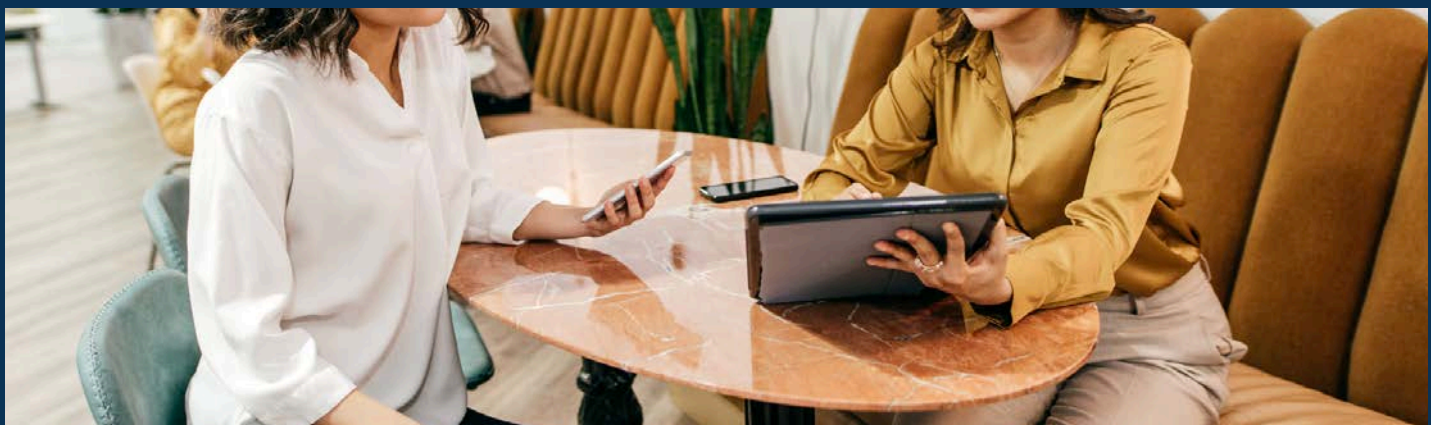
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Good things are  
up ahead."*

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# CALL TO ACTION

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## Get Involved

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## Attend Events

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