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NCMA Tysons Monthly Talks

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

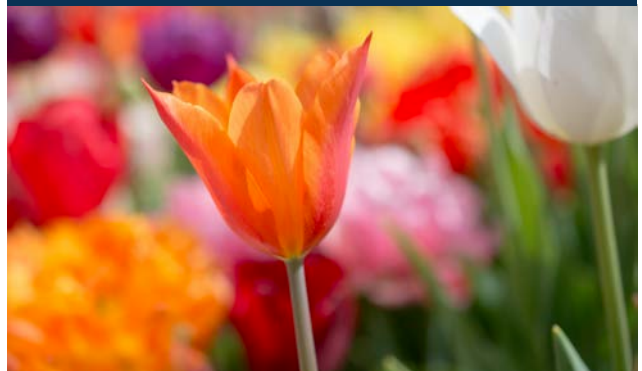
We'll recap our recent get-togethers, shine a light on some of our amazing members, and share details on upcoming events. Read on to discover member achievements, upcoming events, and more!

Top News

Opportunities to Volunteer,
Member Article: Of Interest in
Federal Contracts

Member Spotlight:
Julie Brodell Smith

Event Recaps, Chapter
Updates, and More!





Upcoming Event – May 13th, 2025

Emerging Trends in Federal Contracting

Join the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Tysons Chapter for an exclusive Dinner Event!

We are thrilled to announce our special guest speaker, John Tenaglia, – Principal Director, Defense Pricing, Contracting, and Acquisition Policy OUSD(A&S) who will be sharing insights on Emerging Trends in Federal Contracting – a must-attend discussion for today’s contracting professionals navigating an evolving landscape.

Event Details:

- Tuesday, May 13, 2025
- 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Location: Maggiano’s Little Italy, 2001 International Drive, McLean, VA

Special thanks to our event sponsors: Distributed Solutions, Inc. | Cordia Resources by Cherry Bekaert & Unison— we appreciate your continued support!

Seats are limited —secure your spot today and be part of this timely conversation!

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John Tenaglia

Principal Director, Defense Pricing, Contracting,
and Acquisition Policy OUSD(A&S)



Upcoming Event– May 27th, 2025

Strategies for Navigating Government Contracting in 2025

Join the [National Contract Management Association \(NCMA\) Tysons Chapter](#) , Tuesday, May 27, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM (EST) at Maggiano's Little Italy, located at 2001 International Drive, McLean, VA, for an insightful in-person discussion with LaTonya M. Jackson, aCOP.

Ms. Jackson is CEO of L. Jackson Associates, a Management Consulting and Government Contracting Firm specializing in helping businesses achieve excellence.

From compliance demands to equity-driven initiatives, LaTonya will break down what every business needs to know to stay competitive in today's evolving GovCon climate — especially small and minority-owned firms.

Space is limited — grab your seat, sharpen your strategy, and show up ready.

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CEO of L. Jackson Associates



Of Interest in Federal Contracts

Presidential Actions:

Ensuring Commercial, Cost-Effective Solutions in Federal Contracts – The White House Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Restores Common Sense to Federal Procurement – The White House

On April 16, 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order (EO) 14271, which prioritizes the adoption of commercial solutions and competitive market practices in federal contracting. The order establishes key guidelines, including obtaining formal approval before pursuing non-commercial acquisitions, conducting thorough market research, performing price analyses, and providing detailed justifications as part of the acquisition request package.

Furthermore, federal agencies are required to report annually on their compliance with the provisions of EO 14271 and the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA). This initiative aims to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and ensure transparency across federal procurement processes while leveraging proven commercial practices.

Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement – The White House

On April 15, 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order 14275, titled Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement, to initiate a comprehensive overhaul of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). The directive tasks the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Administrator, in collaboration with the FAR Council, with amending the FAR to eliminate clauses and provisions that are not mandated by statute or deemed essential. Specifically, the changes aim to enhance simplicity and usability, improve the effectiveness of the procurement system, and safeguard economic and national security interests.

Additionally, federal agencies are required to designate a senior acquisition official to work closely with the FAR Council and the OFPP Administrator. These officials will be responsible for reviewing and updating their agency-specific FAR supplements to align with the same principles of streamlining and efficiency outlined in the Executive Order. This initiative underscores the administration's commitment to reducing unnecessary complexity in procurement and fostering a more practical, effective federal contracting system.

Modernizing Defense Acquisitions and Spurring Innovation in the Defense Industrial Base – The White House

The Executive Order is a strategic initiative to reform defense procurement, drive innovation, and fortify the domestic industrial base, ensuring the United States remains well-equipped to address current and future security challenges. The order directs the Department of Defense (DoD) and other relevant agencies to simplify and modernize procurement regulations to reduce bureaucratic barriers, accelerate acquisition timelines, and improve responsiveness to emerging threats. The order emphasizes leveraging cutting-edge technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, and other emerging fields.



Of Interest in Federal Contracts– contd.

It encourages collaboration with private-sector innovators, startups, and non-traditional defense contractors to ensure access to the latest advancements. It also aims to bolster the resilience and competitiveness of the defense industrial base by incentivizing domestic manufacturing, reducing reliance on foreign supply chains, and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the defense sector. Federal agencies are tasked with improving communication and partnerships between government entities, industry leaders, and academia to foster a culture of innovation and adaptability in defense acquisitions. The modernization efforts are designed to align defense acquisition practices with national security priorities, ensuring that the U.S. maintains technological superiority and operational readiness.

GAO Decisions:

B-422384.3; B-422384.5, VMD Systems Integrators, LLC dba VMD Corporation

VMD argued that DHS wrongly excluded its quotation because it proposed labor categories under a Special Item Number (SIN) not specified in the solicitation (SIN 54151S instead of SIN 54151HACS). In its decision, GAO found that the solicitation did not limit bidders to quoting labor categories under a specific GSA Multiple Award Schedule SIN (54151HACS). Without specific language limiting labor categories to a specific SIN, VMD's labor categories under SIN 54151S were valid since they were listed in its Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) contract

Court of Federal Claims:

Loyal Source Government Services, LLC v. United States, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, No. 24-1001

The U.S. Court of Federal Claims dismissed a bid protest by Loyal Source Government Services, LLC, regarding a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) procurement for medical services at the southern border. Loyal Source alleged violations of the Procurement Integrity Act (PIA) and bias in the procurement process, stemming from the disclosure of sensitive procurement information in a Washington Post article and whistleblower letters sent to Congress. The court concluded that DHS and CBP acted rationally and reasonably to address the PIA violation and protect the integrity of the procurement. The court upheld DHS and CBP's decisions because their actions were swift, rational, and aligned with regulatory requirements. The transfer of procurement responsibilities, exclusion of CBP personnel, and establishment of a new evaluation team under DHS OCPO ensured that the procurement process was conducted with integrity and fairness, addressing both the PIA violation and Loyal Source's concerns.



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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A Year of Impact: Celebrating Excellence & Elevating Tomorrow

Join NCMA Tysons for our End-of-Year Celebration on Thursday, June 19, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EST at American Prime in Tysons Corner, Virginia!

This year, we've pushed boundaries, created new opportunities, and built powerful connections—and it's all thanks to YOU.

We're bringing our community together to:

- Celebrate our chapter's achievements
- Recognize the outstanding members and leaders who made an impact
- Thank our sponsors and partners who helped fuel our mission
- Look ahead with excitement and momentum for what's next

Enjoy great food, meaningful conversation, and an evening of inspiration with fellow professionals and changemakers.

[Reserve your seat now](#)

Member Spotlight: Julie Brodell Smith



Julie Brodell Smith is the Director of Growth at Rockwood Company, bringing nearly 20 years of experience at the intersection of business strategy and organizational development. With a deep understanding of both business acumen and human dynamics, Julie excels at navigating social complexity to drive technical and programmatic success, particularly within the Department of Defense (DoD) and Intelligence Community (IC). A visual thinker and skilled systems modeler, Julie is known for simplifying complexity, enabling mission-critical innovation, and integrating emerging technologies.

At her place of work, Julie specializes in deploying “Rockwood Strike Teams” These high-impact, agile units of organizational engineers deliver rapid change, drive efficiencies, and eliminate waste, so that Government can focus on their core missions. Julie holds an M.B.A. from University of Maryland and a B.S. in Political Science and Business from Washington University in St. Louis.

She is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), Certified Virtual Facilitator (CVF), and a certified Executive Coach (ACC). Julie was named as one of Northern Virginia’s “40 under 40” in 2025 and has been recognized for her ability to modernize Government and support achievement of national security priorities. Go Julie!

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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!

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!



Upcoming

Events

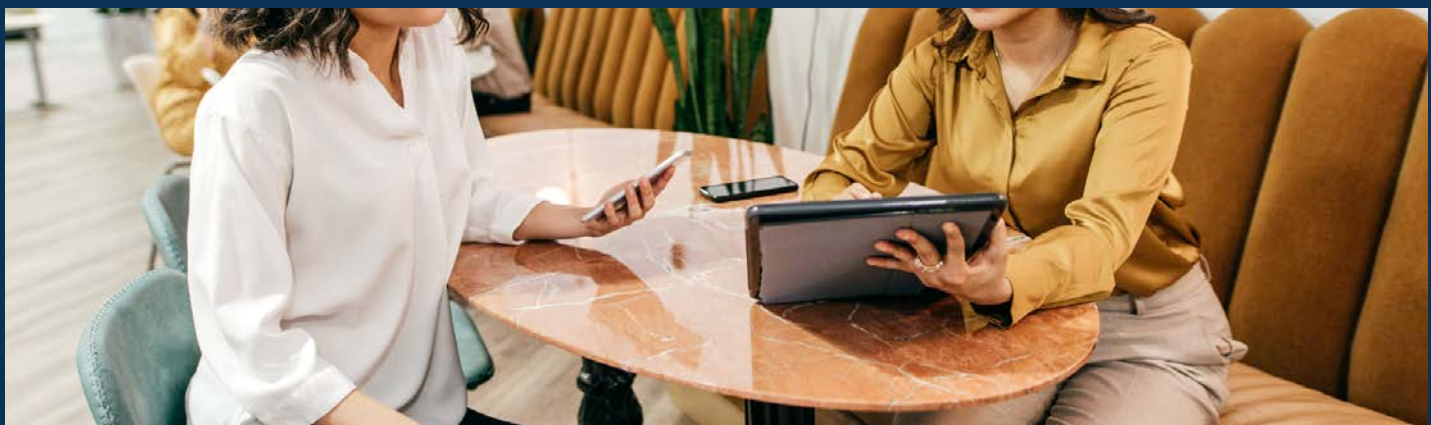
- April 28th– close of board nomination submissions
- May 6, – 9, 2025 Member Electronic Ballot Voting
- May 13, 2025 – Emerging Trends in Federal Contracting with John Tenaglia
- May 27th, 2025 – Strategies for Navigating Government Contracting in 2025 with LaTonya Jackson
- June 19th 2025 – NCMA Tysons End of Program Year Celebration

More to come!

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

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



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