

NCMA TYSONS NEWSLETTER

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NCMA Tysons Monthly Talks

Welcome to the November 2024 edition of our chapter newsletter! This month is packed with exciting updates, highlights, and events.

We'll recap our recent dinner meeting, 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

UPCOMING DINNER MEETING
11/12 WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER
THERESA TERRY

CAREER FAIR, VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES, CONTRACT
LIFECYCLE SERIES, AND MORE!





Dinner Meeting Recap – 10/08

Mr. Samuel Wiggins provided a powerful, in-depth overview of the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce and Virginia Minority Chamber of Commerce Inc, focusing on how these organizations are tackling inequities in government contracting on both state and federal levels. His message resonated deeply with everyone in the room.

The networking was next level! From exchanging ideas to sparking new collaborations, the connections made during the event are sure to lead to exciting opportunities ahead.

Thank you to our sponsors **Distributed Solutions, Inc.** and **Cordia Resources** for their continued support and partnership; to Mime Getachew, Darlene Petway, and Consuella Hopkins for all of their hard work in making sure this event a success; and to all who attended and made this event such a vibrant and celebratory success.

Let's keep pushing the boundaries and working together for progress!

Next Chapter Dinner Meeting:

- When: 11/12/2024 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- Where: Maggiano's Little Italy in Tysons Corner, VA
- Who: Keynote Speaker **Theresa Terry**
- Q&A Session: Bridging the Gap, Strengthening Government-Industry Partnerships for Future Success



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American Foundation *for* Suicide Prevention

Event Recap– AFSP Walk

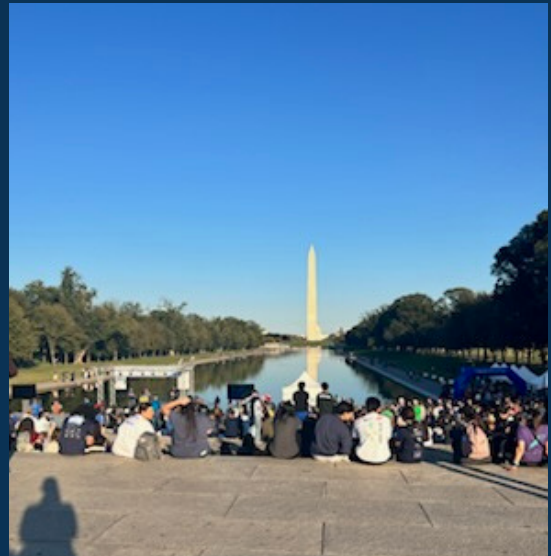
On October 19, 2024, we walked to support the fight for suicide prevention. We raised awareness and much-needed funds to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide.

Our team walked 1.98 miles between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. Thank you to all who showed up, participated in the effort, and donated to support this important cause.

And, as of October 29, 2024, \$425,267 has been raised towards the \$500,000 goal!

They are still accepting donations, so please visit the link if you would like to donate: [NCMA TYSONS SUICIDE PREVENTION](#)

Thank you to all who showed up, participated in the effort, and donated to support this important cause!



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Board Meeting Recap – 10/26

On October 26th, we gathered in person, engaged interactively, and strategized in an environment designed for collaboration.

Agenda Highlights:

- Reviewed and discussed current projects and initiatives
- Discussed strategic plan for the year
- Discussed plans in preparation for the second half of the program year
- Brainstormed further activities

Lawrence K. Davies Jr. led a discussion on the chapter's strategic planning, emphasizing the need for detailed descriptions, a comprehensive calendar, and improved membership management using the chapter website (StarChapter) platform. The chapter aims to bring in 133 new members and maintain a 90% retention rate.

Key initiatives include professional development workshops, networking events, and community service projects. The chapter also plans to enhance its marketing strategies, for event promotion, and engage with local policy makers to advocate for supportive policies in support of small businesses.

We encourage chapter members to attend the first 30 minutes of our monthly board meeting to provide feedback and/or suggestions.



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Featured Article: Department of Defense Software Systems Acquisition Innovation

Using Agile Acquisition

John Dobriansky, Confidential for NCMA Tyson's November 2024 Newsletter

The Department of Defense (DoD) is looking to significantly innovate the way in which it acquires software systems for both enterprise software acquisitions and weapons systems software and updates. The DoD intends to use more agile acquisition methodologies versus the traditional waterfall method. This was discussed as a DoD enterprise-wide innovation at the Association of the United States Army Annual meeting in October 2024 in Washington, DC. The DoD is challenged by major software systems updates for major weapons systems. A current well publicized example is the considerable number of F-35 lightnings parked at the Lockheed Martin production facility near Dallas, Texas. The delays in US F35 Lightning deliveries for U.S. Forces, NATO Partners and Foreign Military Sales are huge. The delays are mostly caused by the F-35 Version 3 software update integration.

F-35 Lightnings literally have to come into a support facility for software updates, taking them out of active service for a period of time. With the new DoD software acquisition innovation process, software development times may be significantly reduced. As an Acquisition, Contracting and Program Management leader I apply expertise in agile acquisition methodologies resulting in a 40% procurement administrative lead time (PALT) reduction for software deliveries to key sites for test and integration on mission critical aerospace major systems.

The DoD is looking to potentially use the TESLA model for embedded software updates on major weapons systems. For example, TESLA Model 3 updates are done "over the air" and do not require a TESLA owner to come into a TESLA facility for software upgrades. If implemented this may give DoD a more global, enterprise-wide approach for major weapons systems software upgrades. This is exciting and very necessary in a very contentious and hostile geopolitical environment.



JOHN DOBRIANSKY, MBA, MS, CPCM, NCMA Fellow provides senior leadership with 30 years of full acquisition and program management life cycle experience in government contracting operations, acquisition policy and program management with the Department of Defense (DoD), civilian agencies and industry. My leadership as a Defense Department Director spans multiple DoD agencies including the DoD 4th Estate, U.S. Army Contracting Command, and the U.S. Navy Systems Commands. Leadership results in the successful accomplishment of ACAT I and II complex major systems acquisitions through \$10 billion.

Please note this overview information represents the opinion of John Dobriansky and does not represent official notice from the DoD.

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Chapter Updates

Women Giving Back will take place on Monday Nov 16, 2024 at 5:30PM-7:30PM. The address for the event is 20 Export Drive, Sterling, VA 20164. Please click this link to create a Volunteer account and sign up: [NCMA Tysons Sign Up](#)

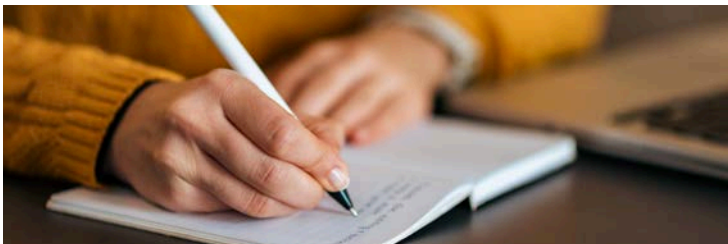
Apply to become a mentee in our **Mentorship Program** and gain valuable insights to help achieve your goals. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

The **Young Professionals Virtual Panel** - GovCon Journeys: Insights and the Road Ahead will take place Thursday, November 14th at 5 PM EDT. Register on Eventbrite to attend.

Call to register for the following **Committees**:

- Women in Leadership (W.I.L) Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Small Business Committee
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee

There are 5 remaining **open board positions**: Director of Gov. Relations & Regulations, Director of Awards, Director of Chapter Recognition, Director of Website Design & Administration, and Director of Chapter Member Recruitment. For more information, please contact president_elect@ncmatysons.org.



Contract Lifecycle Series

Only three classes left! Registration fee is \$45 for NCMA Members and \$65 for non-members & classes are both virtual and in-person.

- Class 3: [Contract Cost Estimating](#)
 - Date: 11/14/2024
 - Time: 9:00am - 11:30am EST
 - Location: Holland & Knight, Tysons Corner, Virginia
- Class 4: [Federal Procurement Overview](#)
 - Date: 11/21/2024
 - Time: 9:00am - 11:30am EST
 - Location: Holland & Knight, Tysons Corner, Virginia
- Class 5: [CMMC Updates](#)
 - Date: 12/5/2024
 - Time: 9:00am - 11:30am EST
 - Location: Holland & Knight, Tysons Corner, Virginia



Unlock the Future: Career Fair

Join us at the NCMA Tysons & George Mason Career Fair to connect with top talent from George Mason.

- Wednesday, November 20 · 12 - 3:15pm EST
- Location: Merten Hall, Room 1201
- Address: 4441 George Mason Boulevard Fairfax, VA 22030

This in-person event is the perfect opportunity for the government and industry to connect with George Mason students and recruit top talent from the George Mason Costello College of Business and the Greg and Camille Baroni Center for Government Contracting.

It's free for both government and industry to sponsor - just be sure to secure your table beforehand.

[Register now](#) to secure your spot!

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Upcoming

Events

November 12:

- Dinner Meeting at Maggiano's

November 14:

- Virtual Panel, GovCon Journeys: Insights and the Road Ahead
- CLS: Contract Cost Estimating

November 16:

- Women Giving Back Volunteer Op

November 19:

- Virtual Event, Alignment in Action: Real World Strategies for Procurement Success

November 20:

- Career Fair at George Mason

November 21:

- CLS: Federal Procurement Overview

December 4:

- George Mason Panel/End of Year Celebration with BUS 315 Class

December 5:

- CLS: CMMC Updates
- Joint Networking Happy Hour with Dulles Chapter
- Giving Tuesday

Volunteer Ops

- Board of Directors- openings left
- Outreach Committee,
- Mentees who seek mentorship
- Women Giving Back
- Giving Tuesday

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Member Spotlight

**Tiffany Thomas, CPCM - Director of
Government Relations and Policy**

Tiffany has consistently demonstrated her vast contract management expertise and has been an invaluable advisor. Her guidance and support have been instrumental in shaping a path forward. As Tiffany now steps into the role of VP of Government Relations and Policy, here is a heartfelt congratulations on her well-deserved ascension!

Please join the board in welcoming Tiffany Thomas as the newest VP of Government Relations and Policy. We are excited about the future under her leadership.

Nominated by Dr. Darius Summers

Presidential Message

I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to you as a chapter member. It has been an incredible honor to serve as your Chapter President, and I am deeply appreciative of the trust you've placed in me and our board members to lead this chapter through the program year. We have had the privilege of hosting several successful events so far, and none of this would be possible without the support and active participation of each one of you. Your engagement is what truly drives our chapter's success and I am humbled by your continued dedication to our mission. As we continue through the year, I am excited to see the impact we will make together. It is my sincere hope that we can continue to build on our momentum and work towards even greater accomplishments. Thank you once again for allowing me and the board the opportunity to serve you. Your trust and involvement are the foundation of everything we do.



Lawrence K. Davies, Jr.
Chapter President
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Dr. Darius Summers
President Elect



Welcome to our New Board Leaders!

Tiffany Thomas
Vice President, Government
Relations and Policy

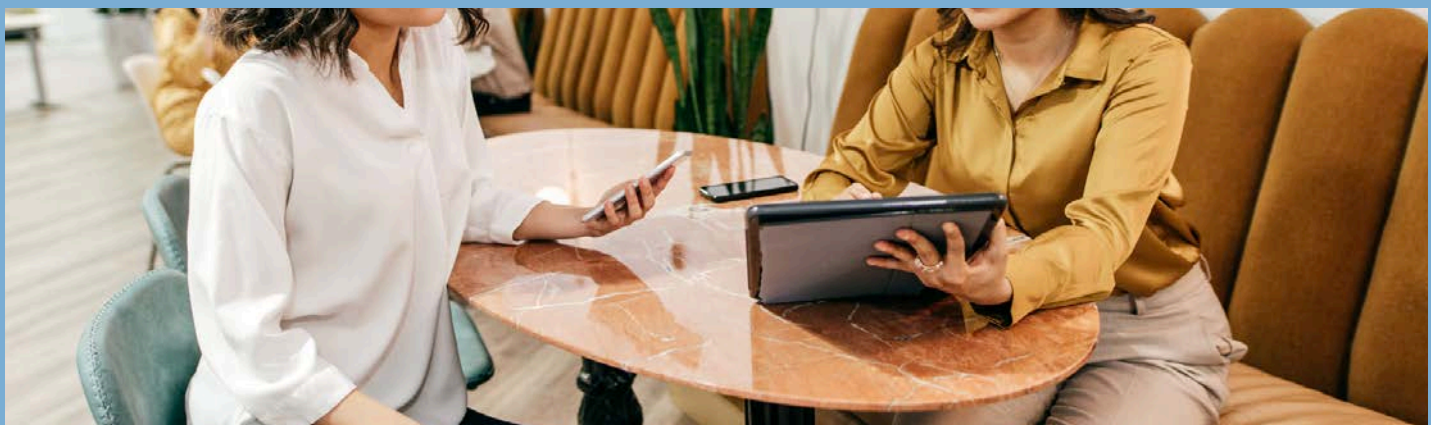


Mime Getachew
Vice President, Programs



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CALL TO ACTION

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Get Involved

Volunteer your time and talents to support our initiatives.

outreach@ncmatysons.org



Attend Events

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

programs@ncmatysons.org



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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Thank you to our Sponsors!

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