

NCMA TYSONS NEWSLETTER

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NCMA Tysons Monthly Talks

Welcome to the November 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

Article: Of Interest in Federal Contracts by Tiffany Thomas, VP Gov't Relations

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

Event Recaps, Chapter Updates, and More!





✨ Meet Our New Directors! ✨

We're thrilled to introduce the newest members of our leadership team—visionaries, doers, and innovators ready to drive our chapter forward. Each director brings a unique blend of experience, creativity, and passion for advancing the contract management profession.

These leaders aren't just stepping into roles—they're shaping the future of NCMA Tysons through collaboration, excellence, and service to our members and community. Join us in celebrating their appointment and the exciting work ahead.

Natalie Wright, SFP – Director of Social Media

Nathanael Philippe Lohier – Director of Universities & Students Outreach

Larry Massey – Director of Finance & Budget

Cara Woodward, JD – Director of CMLDP & Young Professionals

Scott Flesch – Director of Program Support

Lejla Grozdanic, MBA, CPCM – Director of Training

Asif Gangat – Director Controller

Yolanda Dockery – Director of Chapter to Chapter Relations

Alexis Flowers, CFCM – Director of Membership

Rebecca Magelitz – Director of Government Relations

Joy Jiji – Director of Program Events

Here's to growth, leadership, and the continued success of our chapter. ✨



✦ NCMA Tysons: Celebrating Our New Members ✦

Welcome New Members!

We are thrilled to have you join our community! 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.

Tom Bonina
Samantha Romano
Melinda Markfelder
Fakhruddin Mujeeb
Jake Eastman



Event Recap

Walk to End Alzheimers

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease.

TEAM TYSONS participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, October 12th in Reston. The event took place at the Reston Town Center. Team Tysons walked 2 miles in support of this important event!

Congratulations to the Team for raising \$2,070!! The Team exceeded the goal of \$2,000.00

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT DONATED AND TO OUR TEAM OF WALKERS!!





Resources for Federal Employees During the Government Shutdown

Resources for Impacted Federal Workers

Maryland Workers Impacted by the Federal Government Shutdownresponse.maryland.gov

City of Alexandria Federal Government Shutdown Information and Resources

Federal Government Shutdown Resources

Federal Government Shutdown Impacts and Resources | News Center

Resources for Residents Impacted by Federal Workforce Actions

Government Shutdown: Essential Resources for Feds

Many Companies Are Offering Relief Amid Shutdown

Shutdown Assistance Map – Resources for Furloughed/Excepted Federal Workers – MyFEDBenefits

Resources for federal employees

Where Furloughed Federal Workers Can Find Help—and How You Can Help

Help and assistance programs for furloughed federal workers in the DC region – WTOP News



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Government Shutdown

Federal Hiring Freeze Extended Indefinitely

The federal hiring freeze established on January 20, 2025 and expected to end on October 15, 2025 was extended again, this time with no defined end date. The usual exclusions for appointees and positions related to immigration enforcement, national security, or public safety continue.

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Overhaul Final Call for Informal Feedback

While there was an opportunity to provide input on each specific FAR model deviation as they were issued, the FAR Council is now seeking any comprehensive, constructive feedback on the RFO, to inform any needed immediate updates to the model deviation language as well as the upcoming rule-making process. Such feedback may include:

- Recommendations for additional revisions or reductions to solicitation provisions and contract clauses retained in the RFO model deviations;
- FAR parts to consolidate, eliminate or further simplify; and
- Perceived conflicts or complications as the FAR model deviations are read as a whole

Feedback on the model deviations can be provided here:

https://feedback.gsa.gov/jfe/form/SV_eQalh9YFufPTEdE.



Of Interest in Federal Contracts by Tiffany Thomas- contd.

The FAR Council will not formally respond to this informal feedback but will use it to inform the rulemaking process. Use this form to provide feedback on the cumulative FAR model deviations no later than November 3, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern. Continuous feedback on the FAR Companion and the Practitioner Albums can also be provided on the RFO page on acquisition.gov.

GAO Decisions:

GAO is closed during the shutdown and deadlines for active protests are tolled until reopening. Additionally, the GAO's Electronic Protest Docketing System (EPDS) will not be operational thus protest filing is suspended during the shutdown.

Final Rules:

FAC 2025-06 implements the below threshold changes, effective October 1, 2025:

- Micro-Purchase threshold increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000
- Simplified Acquisition threshold increased from \$250,000 to \$350,000
- Cost or Pricing Data threshold increased to \$2.5 million
- Subcontracting Plan threshold increased to \$900,000 (general) and \$2 million (construction)

DFARS Case 2024-D007 - Preventing Conflicts of Interest for Certain Consulting Services - was finalized and took effect on October 24, 2025 and implements provisions from the 2024 National Defense Authorization Act. It will establish new a new certification provision DFARS 252.209-7012 and prohibit contracting officers from awarding any Defense contracts assigned North American Industry Classification System codes beginning with 5416 to offerors holding contracts that involve consulting services with certain covered foreign entities, namely the People's Republic of China, the government of the Russian Federation, and any country whose government the Secretary of State determines has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism. There is an opportunity to seek a waiver, but it requires a conflict-of-interest mitigation plan and approval from the Secretary of Defense.



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Repeated for your convenience - FAR Overhaul (Click here to view details):
"The goal is clear: faster acquisitions, greater competition, and better results."

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FAR Overhaul - FAR Part Deviation
Guidance | Acquisition.GOV
FAR Overhaul - Part 2 | Acquisition.GOV
FAR Overhaul - Part 3 | Acquisition.GOV
September 11, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 7 | Acquisition.GOV
September 4, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 8 | Acquisition.GOV
August 29, 2025 (update)
FAR Overhaul - Part 13 | Acquisition.GOV
September 18, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 14 | Acquisition.GOV
September 25, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 15 | Acquisition.GOV
September 30, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 16 | Acquisition.GOV
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FAR Overhaul - Part 17 | Acquisition.GOV
September 11, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 19 | Acquisition.GOV
September 26, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 22 | Acquisition.GOV
September 30, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 23 | Acquisition.GOV
September 30, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 24 | Acquisition.GOV
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FAR Overhaul - Part 25 | Acquisition.GOV
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FAR Overhaul - Part 27 | Acquisition.GOV
September 11, 2025
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August 28, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 30 | Acquisition.GOV
August 28, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 32 | Acquisition.GOV
September 30, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 37 | Acquisition.GOV
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FAR Overhaul - Part 41 | Acquisition.GOV
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FAR Overhaul - Part 42 | Acquisition.GOV
September 30, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 44 | Acquisition.GOV
September 4, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 45 | Acquisition.GOV
September 11, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 47 | Acquisition.GOV
September 25, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 48 | Acquisition.GOV
August 28, 2025
FAR Overhaul - Part 52 | Acquisition.GOV
FAR Overhaul - Part 53 | Acquisition.GOV
September 30, 2025
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Chapter Updates- from your Sponsors

Career: Contracts Manager Opportunity

Our valued sponsor, Cordia Resources, is seeking a Contracts Manager to join one of their dynamic client teams. This role is ideal for professionals with a strong background in contract negotiation, compliance, and government contracting, ready to make an impact in a fast-paced environment.

If you or someone you know is exploring their next career move, this is an excellent opportunity to connect with one of the region's top executive search and consulting firms.

Learn more and apply today through
Cordia Resources.

<https://ncmatysonson.org/classifieds.php>

Unison's Featured Interview

Our Valued Sponsor, Unison, would like to share the below Interview _conducted by Federal News Network with Andy Rider, Director of Federal Budget Practice at Unison.

Overview: "Agencies need better tools to clean up audits. Time to get ahead of federal financial auditing. OMB wants agencies to modernize how they audit to avoid year-end fire drills and increase effectiveness."

Click the link to view: [Interview](#)



Chapter Updates

Calling All Change-Makers, Business Leaders, and Community Builders

At NCMA Tysons, we don't just host events—we create robust platforms that celebrate excellence, uplift communities, and drive lasting change.

From dynamic networking receptions to youth mentorship initiatives, your sponsorship fuels real impact—and puts your brand front and center with an audience that values purpose and progress.

- High-visibility sponsorship opportunities
- Connect with diverse professionals and leaders
- Support causes that matter
- Be recognized for the difference you make

Whether you're a small business owner or a Fortune 500 partner, we have a space for you at the table.

Let's talk sponsorship. Let's make an impact.

Email sponsorship@ncmatysonson.org to learn more.

Partnership in Action: Supporting Our Communities

As a proud long-standing partner of the Virginia Minority Chamber, Inc., NCMA Tysons stands in solidarity with their commitment to supporting Virginia's workers, families, and small businesses affected by the federal government shutdown.

VAMC continues to provide career support, small business resources, and strong advocacy through its Workforce Development and Minority Business Readiness Programs.

Learn more and access resources here:
[Government Shutdown resources](#)





Chapter Updates

Warming Hearts and Hands: NCMA Tysons Joins Lorton Community Action Center for Annual Coat Drive

This season, the NCMA Tysons Chapter partnered up with the Lorton Community Action Center and collaborated with our friends from the NCMA Metro Maryland Chapter to spread warmth where it's needed most. Together, we collected and distributed coats and winter essentials to families across our community — a true reflection of the season of giving. 🧥❤️

A huge thank-you to Yolanda Dockery for leading this effort with heart and dedication, and to our amazing board members who volunteered — Larry Massey, Scott Flesch and his wife Amy, along with Yolanda and her husband Larry, and Lawrence K Davies Jr — for showing up, giving back, and making this initiative a success. 🙌

As we move through this season of gratitude, we're reminded that kindness is contagious and that small acts of service can create a ripple of hope throughout our community. ❤️🌟

Join a Committee – Make an Impact

The NCMA Tysons Chapter is growing, and we're calling on our members to help shape the future of our community! Joining a Committee is a great way to build connections, develop leadership skills, and help advance our mission of professional excellence in contract management.

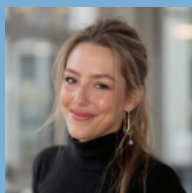
We are currently seeking passionate volunteers to join the following committees:

- Faces in Leadership Committee – Elevating stories and initiatives that highlight diverse leaders and inspire career growth.
- Small Business Committee – Supporting small business engagement, partnerships, and outreach across the contracting community.
- Student Outreach Committee – Connecting with local universities and students to promote career development and mentorship.
- Editorial Review Committee – Shaping the chapter's voice through articles, features, and communications that inform and inspire.

Whether you're new to NCMA Tysons or a long-time member, your experience and ideas can help drive real impact.

👉 **Sign up today (<https://forms.gle/daBBUS1gFsk9LsTq8>) and be part of something meaningful. To express your interest or learn more, email us at support@ncmatysons.org**

Spotlight on Leadership



Kalyn Fox, VP Communications

Ms. Fox has been the creative engine behind transforming our chapter website — making it more dynamic, engaging, and user-friendly. She's also been hard at work designing flyers and managing last-minute marketing requests with remarkable dedication, often burning the midnight oil to ensure nothing falls through the cracks. Ms. Fox has onboarded her new Director of Social Media and is actively developing a process to eventually automate our communications and streamline newsletter production. Her leadership continues to strengthen the chapter's visibility, marketing, and member engagement.



Chris Ables-Sinclair, VP of Sponsorship

Chris has demonstrated tremendous enthusiasm and initiative this month, building momentum in sponsorship development and engagement. He's focused on standardizing sponsorship templates and working toward automating our sponsorship application process — efforts that will make it easier for future partners to connect with and support our chapter. His energy and drive have already made a measurable impact on how we approach sponsor relationships.



Karen Chew, VP Treasurer

Karen has done an exceptional job organizing and reconciling the chapter's financials, bringing clarity and structure to years of records. Her meticulous attention to detail and commitment to efficiency have helped establish an automated system that simplifies financial tracking for both her team and future treasurers. Thanks to her work, the chapter's financial processes are not only cleaner but built for long-term sustainability.

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

Thank you to our Partners!



Thank you to our Sponsors!



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Upcoming

Events

- Date TBD Women Giving Back
 - October 31, 2025 – Halloween!
- More to come!

SIGN UP TODAY

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



Empowering Futures, Deepening Bridges, and Renewing Purpose.

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CALL TO ACTION

EMBRACE THE ERA OF RENEWAL! EMPOWERING FUTURES & BUILDING BRIDGES



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.

sponsorship@ncmatysons.org



Spread the Word

Repost and engage with our Social Media accounts. Share this newsletter and invite others to get involved.

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