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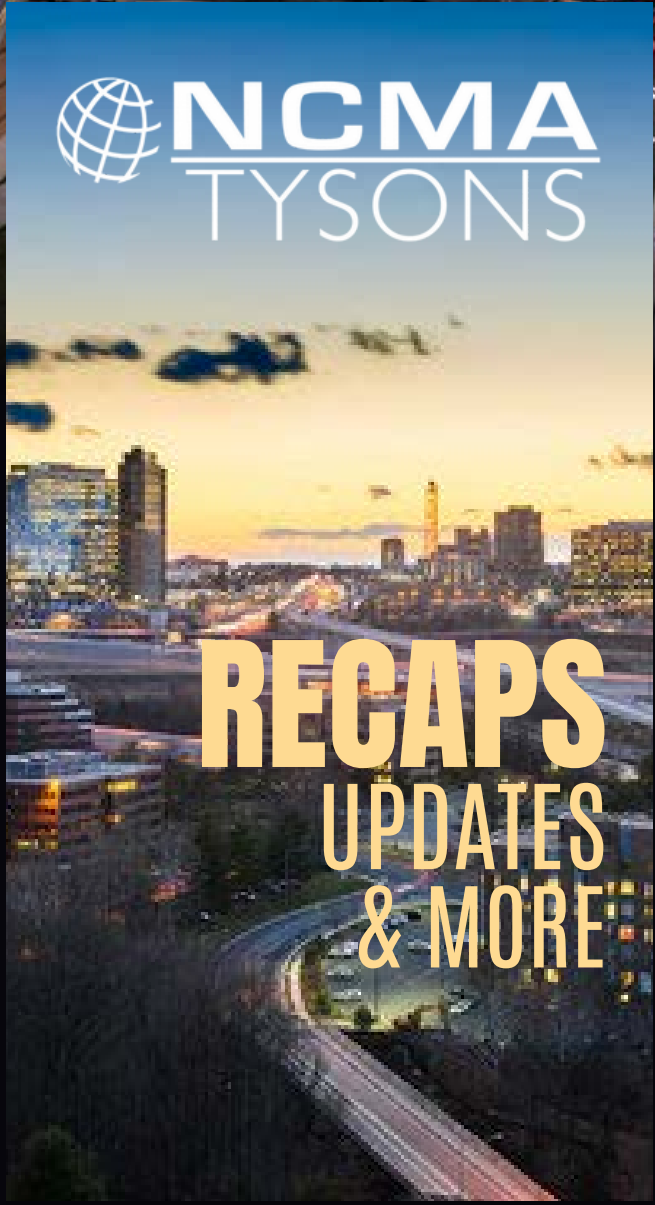
Welcome to the September 2026 edition of our chapter newsletter! This month is packed with exciting updates, highlights, and events.

A Message from your Chapter President, Jean M. Lohier, CPCM, CFCM, Fellow, SME, 26EMBA

Photos from Word Congress, our End of Year Celebration, and upcoming events...



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RECAPS UPDATES & MORE

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Upcoming

Events

- September 22nd, 2026: Contract Current Events: Policy Priorities, Challenges, and Emerging Issues
- October 13th, 2026: Intelligence Community Panel Dinner Meeting
- November 10th, 2026: Dinner Meeting, Topic TBD
- November 12, 2026: NCMA Warfighter Acquisition Forum
- December 2026: Holiday Celebration
- January 12, 2027: : Dinner Meeting, Topic TBD
- February 9, 2027: : Dinner Meeting, Topic TBD
- February 21, 2027 – February 23, 2027: NCMA Nexus Conference

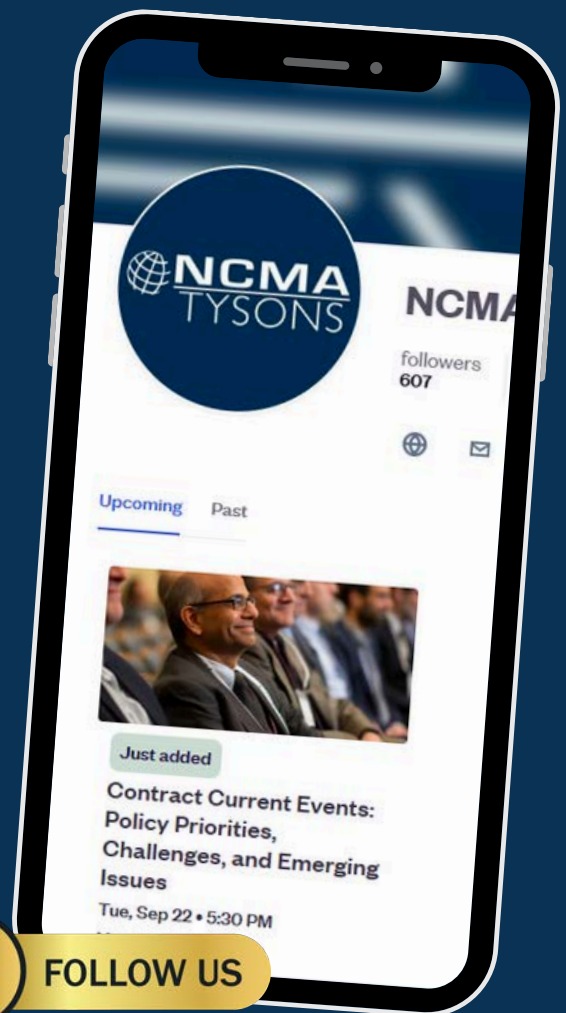
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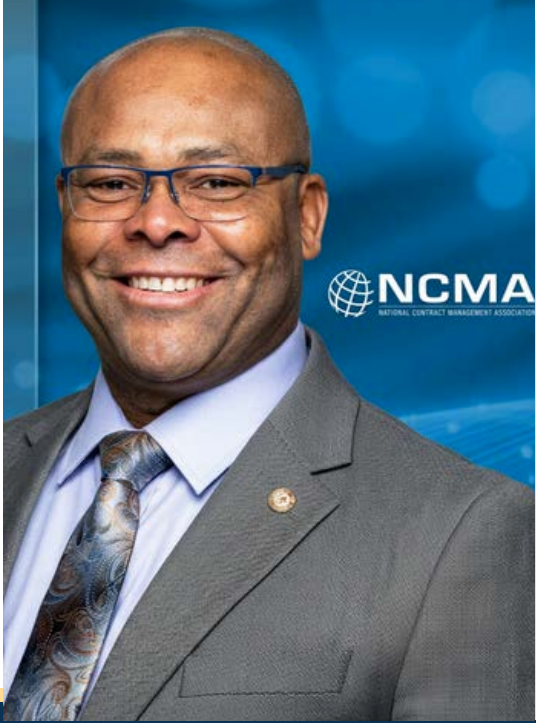
- TBD– Stay Tuned!

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keep apprised of events!**



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A message from your Chapter President, Jean M. Lohier

Dear NCMA Tysons Chapter Members and Partners,

I am delighted to welcome you to the 2026–2027 program year as President & Board Chair of the NCMA Tysons Chapter. Together, we will strengthen our community for the contract management and acquisition workforce in a rapidly changing landscape.

This year, our focus is on delivering valuable educational programming, fostering meaningful networking opportunities, supporting professional development, and increasing member engagement. We aim to advance our mission through collaboration and growth.

I encourage each of you to actively participate by attending events, sharing your expertise, and mentoring others. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to a successful year ahead!

To all workers—your efforts shape our world! Celebrate your hard work this Labor Day!

Truly yours,
Jean M. Lohier
Chapter President & Board Chair, NCMA Tysons



✦ NCMA Tysons: Celebrating Our New Members ✦

Welcome New Members!

Membership connects you with valuable resources, professional opportunities, and a network committed to supporting contracting professionals. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events. Welcome!!

Thomas Hagyard
Candace Brinkley
Loreen Lisle
Melanie Metropolit
Sahar Odderstol
Liam Leslie
Kelly Charleron

Lee Haff
Farrell Proffitt
Rebecca Manuel
Brianna Burnell
Aleseia Saunders
Christine Bond Jawish
Maria Lumanlan
Tonya Sterling
Elvis Taylor
Gale Claiborne
Heather Thomas



Event Recap– World Congress 2026

NCMA World Congress 2026: Bringing New Ideas Home to Tysons

Several members of the NCMA Tysons Chapter had the opportunity to attend NCMA World Congress 2026 in Orlando, Florida, joining contract management professionals from across government and industry for four days of learning, collaboration, and professional development. Centered around the theme "Contract Managers: Mission Critical," the conference provided a valuable forum for acquisition professionals.

For our chapter members, World Congress served not only as a learning experience but also as an opportunity to bring fresh perspectives and best practices back to the Tysons contracting community.

Beyond the educational sessions, the conference highlighted one of NCMA's greatest strengths: its professional network. Members connected with peers from across the country, strengthened existing relationships, and developed new connections with leaders from both industry and government.

As we return from World Congress inspired and energized, the NCMA Tysons Chapter looks forward to sharing key takeaways through upcoming events and programs, continuing our commitment to advancing the profession and supporting the growth of our local contract management community





Event Recap- World Congress 2026 contd.





Event Recap- 08/17/26

NCMA Tysons BoD Kick-Off Dinner

The NCMA Tysons Chapter Board of Directors officially kicked off the 2026–2027 program year with a wonderful evening at Maggiano's. Over dinner, we shared our vision for the year ahead, discussed plans of action, and aligned on goals that will help us continue delivering meaningful value to our chapter and the broader Tysons community.

Several distinguished individuals were officially appointed to the Council of Advisors for the NCMA Tysons Board of Directors, in line with our Chapter Bylaws and National guidelines:

Lenn Vincent, Past President - Chair

Ronald Falcone, Past President - Member

Amanda Hissong Christian, Past President/SVP/CACI - Member

Linda J. Asher, SVP/BAH - Member

Brianna Burnell, SVP/Amentum - Member

We were also honored to officially swear in this year's Board of Directors, including the following individuals:

Lauren Ainslie, Director of Program & Education

Tabi Taliwaku Kalisa, Director of Program & Education

Maria Ramos, Director of Communication & Education (Social Media)

Angel N. Davis, Director of Sponsorship & Membership

Sheena Rijwani, Director of Communication and Engagement

Rebecca Magelitz, Director of Government Relations

Larry Massey, Controller - Director of Budget and Finance

Nathanael Philippe Lohier, Director of University and Student Outreach

Yolanda Dockery, Director of Outreach

Brandon Briley, Director of SLED

Uno Minta, Director of Program and Education

Kelsi Pilcher, Director of Program and Education

Davis Haywood, Director of Communications and Engagement

Randall Blandin, Director of Government Relations

Lola Cole, Director of Partnerships

Here's to an incredible 2026–2027 program year! Let's make it a great one, NCMA Tysons!





Event Recap- 06/23

PY 25-26 End of Year Celebration

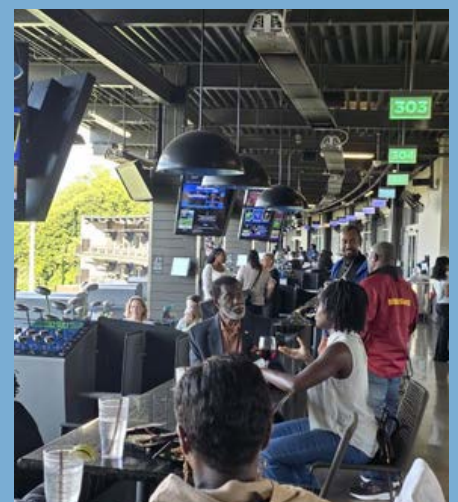
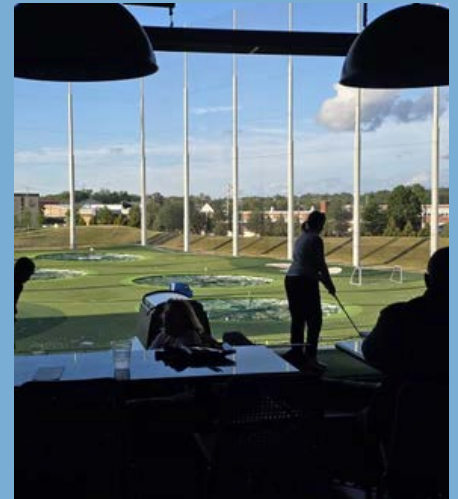
What an incredible way to close out the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Tysons Chapter 2025–2026 Program Year!

Yesterday, we gathered at Topgolf to celebrate something much bigger than the end of a program year. We celebrated the people who made the journey possible.

The evening was filled with laughter, friendly competition, great conversations, plenty of food, and an opportunity to recognize the incredible volunteers and leaders who gave their time, energy, and talents in service to our chapter and the contract management community.

To our Board of Directors, Council of Advisors, committee leaders, volunteers, members, sponsors, and partners: thank you for trusting the vision, supporting the mission, and helping us continue building a stronger National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Tysons Chapter community.

This program year was about transformation: strengthening our foundation, creating opportunities, embracing change, and preparing the next generation of leaders to continue moving the chapter forward.





Chapter Updates

Contracts Current Events: Policy Priorities, Implementation Challenges, and Emerging Issues in Government Acquisition

Join us on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, for an evening of great Italian food, meaningful conversation, practical insights, and valuable connections with fellow acquisition professionals moderated by [Eric Crusius](#), Partner and Government Contracts Practice Chair.

Featured Panelists: [Nicholas West](#), [Joanie Newhart](#) and [Julia B. W.](#)

The panel will bring together perspectives from across the acquisition community, offering attendees an opportunity to hear directly from experienced practitioners and engage in thoughtful discussion on the issues shaping federal contracting today.

 Tuesday, September 22, 2026
 5:30–8:30 PM
 Maggiano's- 1961 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA 22102

Whether you're a government acquisition professional, contracting practitioner, NCMA member, or industry representative, this is an excellent opportunity to learn, connect, and exchange ideas with others across the contracting community.

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Intelligence Community Panel: October Dinner Meeting

Mark your calendars and join the NCMA Tysons Chapter Board of Directors Dinner Meeting for an evening of networking, industry insights, and meaningful conversations with fellow acquisition and contract management professionals.

 Tuesday, October 13, 2026
 5:30–8:30 PM
 Maggiano's- 1961 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA 22102

Whether you're looking to expand your professional network, exchange ideas with peers, or stay connected to the latest developments in our industry, this dinner meeting is an opportunity you won't want to miss.

Stay tuned on linkedin and follow us on Eventbrite for exciting updates on our guest speaker and program details. Seats fill quickly, so be sure to save the date and watch for registration details.



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Maria Ramos

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Member Spotlight

This month, we're excited to spotlight Maria Ramos, NCMA Tysons' dedicated Director of Social Media. Professionally, Maria serves as a Contract Specialist at Esri, the leading geographic information system (GIS) software company headquartered in Redlands, California.

As Director of Social Media, Maria plays a key role in promoting chapter events, sharing industry insights, and highlighting opportunities for members to connect, learn, and grow. Through her creativity and commitment, she helps ensure that NCMA Tysons maintains a strong and engaging presence across social platforms. Thank you, Maria, for all you do to support NCMA Tysons and our members!



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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Get Involved

Volunteer your time and talents to support our initiatives.



Attend Events

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



Sponsorship

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

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