



# The NCMA VOICE

December 2003

## The President's Corner.....

The East Tennessee Chapter of NCMA is assisting its membership to master the contract management body of knowledge. The membership has enthusiastically responded. There were twenty-six members or soon-to-be members at the first study session of the Certified Federal Contract Manager program held November 12, 2003, at the Doubletree Hotel. This was a great response to this opportunity. The membership will also benefit from the renewal of the relationship with Oak Ridge National Laboratory and its program for development through George Mason University.

New members will be recognized at the December 3, 2003, membership meeting. At the other end of the membership spectrum, we will acknowledge those who have honored NCMA with extended membership status. The Board plans to institute this recognition process twice a year.

Supporting these activities is a team of members who serve as officers and chairs. There is room on the team for additional volunteers to serve as backups and learn the scope of the various positions. Participating now in Chapter activities will enhance continuity of programs to the next program year.

As we are already into the holidays, best wishes to you and your families for a safe and happy holiday season.



*Bob Lynch*

## About The Program.....



December 2003 is upon us and while we are all wondering where the time has gone, we reflect on the great programs we have had thus far this program year and realize we have had a busy year.

Charles Crowe kicked off



### NCMA WORKSHOP

**Where:** Doubletree Hotel, Board Room

**When:** December 3, 2003, 10:30 a.m.

**Topic:** NCMA Certification Study Groups

**Seating is limited**

### NCMA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Where:** Doubletree Hotel

**Social Hour begins at 11:30 a.m.**  
**Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m.**

**Cost:** \$12 Members, \$15 Non-Members

**Topic:** Changes at Y-12: Moving toward Mission Success

**Speaker:** Robert L. Waters, Jr., Manager of Procurement BWXT Y-12

**Menu:** Fresh Tossed Garden Salad, with Ranch and Honey Dijon Dressing, Wood-grilled Ham Steak with Honey Glaze, Candied Yams, Southern Style Green Beans, Chef's Choice Dessert, Yeast Rolls with Butter, Coffee, Decafe, Iced Tea and Water

**RSVP:** Call Vicki Dyer at 483-9332 or fax to 483-0241.

**NOTE:** Please make reservations by 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 1, 2003.

our year with an informative and optimistic update on DOE Oak Ridge Operations. He was followed by Joe Hidalgo's talk in October on the importance of certification to the procurement and contracts professional, which served to introduce our year-long series of workshops designed to prepare us to sit for the certification exams. Mary Berry has lined up an excellent cadre of our very own members to serve as facilitators/instructors for the workshops. And in November, Jerry Mize brought us a new look at A-76 procurements—an outsourcing idea that's been around for some time. A very special thanks to Barbara Jackson, our president-elect, for bringing us this timely program as DOE and other agencies are evaluating this option to get the best value for services.



For our last program for 2003, Bob Waters, Manager of Procurement BWXT Y-12, will address the topic "Changes at Y-12: Moving toward Mission Success". He will cover organizational and staff changes in Y-12's procurement department and will also introduce Y-12's new Small Business Manager. Other topics will include a brief overview of the small business program as well as new initiatives and changes in Y-12 subcontracting strategy. Y-12 recently received the prestigious Eisenhower award for its small business subcontracting and Bob will talk about what that means to Y-12.

So, as you make your plans for another busy month, make sure you join us on December 3 for another information-packed program and some very special holiday door prizes.

*Barbara Turner*



### **About The Speaker.....**

Robert L. Waters, Jr., is Manager of Procurement for BWXT Y-12, L.L.C., in Oak Ridge. Y-12 is a National Nuclear Security Administration site with an annual budget of more than \$400 million and recently won the prestigious Eisenhower award for its small business subcontracting.

Bob has been employed in the DOE Oak Ridge Complex with Union Carbide; Martin Marietta Energy Systems; Lockheed Martin Energy Systems; and BWXT Y-12, L.L.C. for the past 32 years. He is a long time advocate of small business utilization and is the former Manager of Socioeconomic Programs in the Acquisitions and Asset

Management (Procurement) Organization. Waters is a graduate of Savannah State University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering Technology, with graduate work at American Graduate University in Contract Management.

### **New Member Recognition.....**

The East Tennessee Chapter of the National Contract Management Association would like to welcome you to the Chapter. You are invited to a special new member's recognition to be held at the December Membership Meeting. As a special guest the cost of your meal for this meeting will be paid by the Chapter. Please see the details in the meeting announcement section of this newsletter. The free

lunch will be available for this meeting only.

*Becky Wagner*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....**

David Armstrong  
Patty Rose  
Juanita Walls  
Timothy Johnson  
Granda Trammell  
Lance Copeland  
Thomas Wynn  
Pat Ellis  
Diane White

The Chapter would like to welcome these individuals and thank them for joining NCMA. There will be a special New Member Recognition during the December Membership Meeting for the new members listed above. Please make every effort to attend the meeting and welcome these individuals into the Chapter.

*Becky Wagner*

**Recognizing Long Time Members.....**

The Chapter will also recognize Mr. Joe Bigley and Mr. Ed Whiting at our December Membership Meeting for being an NCMA Member for 30 or more years. Congratulations gentlemen on such a long standing membership.

*Becky Wagner*



**Treasurer's Report.....**

As of October 31, 2003, there was \$9,346.3 in checking, \$530.57 in savings, \$30 in cash, and \$5,854.42 in a CD for a total of \$15,761.37.

*Laura Davis*

**Master's Certificate in Commercial Contracting.....**

The first course in the program to obtain a Master's Certificate in Commercial Contracting will be held the week of January 12, 2004 in Oak Ridge at 701 Scarboro Road (SNS Project Office). The course is entitled Commercial Contracting – The Basics. This unique course design provides classes every day, Monday thru Friday for half the day. You may choose morning (8-12) or afternoon (1-5). The course is only offered to NCMA members and the procurement staff of ORNL. The price for this five day training program is \$1,092.50. Successful completion of seven courses in 3 years results in a Master's Certificate in Commercial Contracting from George Mason University. If you participated in the Master's program we offered last time, but did not complete it, you may be able to get credit for those courses under this program. If you are interested in attending or have questions, contact Joel Pearman, ORNL Contracts Division, at 865.241.5305 or [pearmanje@ornl.gov](mailto:pearmanje@ornl.gov).

*Joel Pearman*



# Last Meeting

