



The President's Corner

Happy New Year!

Our Chapter has several activities planned for the remainder of the program year. We are in the process of planning special fund raising activities to benefit the Mark Williams Scholarship Fund. During the past several years we have awarded 2-3 scholarships each year to very well deserving high school graduates and college students. Stay tuned for more information to determine how you can participate. We are also planning our April NES. If you would like to participate in planning these efforts, please let me know.

Don't forget about World Congress 2005. It will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, April 25-27. Our very own Faye Orick has been selected as a speaker. Congratulations Faye!

Finally, please join us on February 2 as we welcome Kevin Boshears, Director of the Office of Small Business and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Homeland Security.

Barbara Jackson

From Employment.....

WHAT A DEAL: ABSOLUTELY FREE ADVERTISEMENT

Advertise your vacant contracting position absolutely free of charge to your company. Just send the job description to Al Guidry, the ET NCMA Chapter Employment Chairperson at guidrya@ornl.gov or call him at 865-241-4161. Please inform your company's Human Resources Representative about this GREAT DEAL. Postings may be found at www.ncmaet.com, employment link.

Al Guidry

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Where:** DoubleTree Hotel
- When:** February 2, 2005
- Social begins at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m.
- Cost:** \$14 Members, \$15 Non-Members
- Program:** Kevin Boshears, Department of Homeland Security
- Menu:** Fresh Garden Salad with assorted Dressings, Meat Lasagna, Southern Style Green Beans, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Chef's Choice of Dessert, Iced Tea, Coffee, Decafe, and Water.
- Please pay at the door with cash, personal check, or company check only.
- RSVP:** Call Vicki Dyer at 483-9332 or fax to 483-0241 by COB Friday, January 28, 2005.

See You There!





About the Speaker.....

Kevin Boshears was named Director of the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) in May 2003. He is responsible for the overall implementation of the department's small business procurement program.

Mr. Boshears was Director of the Treasury Department's OSDBU since February 1999. He served in the same office as a procurement analyst since June 1995 and was responsible for providing guidance to the small business specialists located in the Treasury's twelve bureaus. He also assisted in developing the Treasury's small business web site and represented the Treasury at various governmental, congressional, and trade association outreach activities. Mr. Boshears brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the procurement field, having served as a contracting officer for the Justice Department prior to his duties with the Treasury Department. Mr. Boshears is a well known instructor in the federal small business procurement arena. He has conducted numerous training courses, presentations, and briefings on contracting with small, small disadvantaged, 8(a), women-owned small, HUBZone, and service disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

Mr. Boshears served as the Vice-Chair of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Directors' Interagency Council from FY 2001 through FY 2004. In September 2003, he was presented with the Frances Perkins Vanguard Award for Exemplary Utilization of Women-Owned Small Businesses by the U.S. Small Business Administration – marking the third year in a row that he received this award. His efforts have been widely recognized with various awards from small business trade associations, other federal agencies, and industry organizations. He holds a BBA degree from the College of William and Mary, and earned his MBA from Liberty University.

Freda Hooper

From Scholarship.....

The Scholarship Committee would like to feature one of the past NCMA Scholarship recipients. This month we selected Michael Lloyd. Michael is the son of Donna Meredith of Harriman, Tennessee. Michael was a 2002 and 2003 Scholarship Recipient. His hobbies include music, especially playing the bass guitar and working with the youth group at his church.

This semester Michael had coursework in Business Statistics, Economics, and Banking Business. Michael has great aspirations of being an entrepreneur. He continues his work in the summers at McDonalds using his procurement skills to evaluate suppliers based on reliability, quality and price. Mike's area of concentration at Tennessee Tech will be Operation and Production Management.

In a recent interview by Rose Weaver, Michael "Thanks the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Contract Management Association for providing me an opportunity to pursue a career in contracting or procurement. It's been a long struggle from the 2002 automobile accident where I was wheelchair bound, but the same fight that I had to receive my scholarship is the same tenacity that I have to complete my B.S. Degree from Tennessee Tech. Last year I transferred from Roane State Community College, Oak Ridge to Tennessee Tech in Cookville, Tennessee. I am currently a Junior."

Michael closed the interview by stating, "I also appreciate the information from the newsletter which keeps me abreast of procurement issues." He looks forward to seeing the NCMA members in May and will again be applying for the scholarship. Michael made the Dean's List at Tennessee Technological University in the Fall 2004.

Rose Weaver

From The Newsletter.....

Please submit any articles of interest to the following email address: kbumgardner@scgincorp.com.

Katherine Bumgardner

Upcoming Events.....



2005 Program Schedule		
February 2, 2005	Membership Meeting, 11:30 a.m., DoubleTree	Speaker, Kevin Boshears, Department of Homeland Security
February 16, 2005	Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Scientific Sales	
March 2, 2005	Membership Meeting, 11:30 a.m., DoubleTree	Speaker, TBA
March 23, 2005	Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Scientific Sales	
April	National Education Seminar (NES)	
April 20, 2005	Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Scientific Sales	
May 4, 2005	Membership Meeting, 11:30 a.m., DoubleTree	Speaker, TBA
May 18, 2005	Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Scientific Sales	
June 1, 2005	Membership Meeting, 11:30 a.m., DoubleTree	Speaker, TBA

From The December Meeting



**HAPPY VALENTINES
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