



NCMA Voice

January 2011

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Where:** DoubleTree Hotel
- When:** Wednesday
January 05, 2011
- Social:** 11:30 am
- Lunch:** 11:45 am
- Cost:** \$15.00 for Members
\$16.00 for Non-Members
- Speakers:** **WILLIAM (BILL) THORNTON III**
Director, Procurement Operations, B&W Y-12, LLC
HEIDI H. TIMMERMAN
*Director of Procurement & Contracts Administration,
Oak Ridge Associated Universities*
JEROME K. HICKS
Director, Contracts, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
SCOTT SHEPHERD
Acquisition Services Manager, Bechtel Jacobs
- Topic:** **PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR'S ROUND TABLE**
- Menu:** Fresh Garden Salad w/ Ranch
& Honey Dijon Dressing
Meat Lasagna w/Garlic Bread
Green Beans
Assort. Dinner Rolls w/Butter
Chef's Choice Dessert
Coffee, Decafe, Iced Tea, Water

~ Please pay at the door with cash, personal check, or company check only. ~

Reservations **MUST** be made by **Monday, January 03, 2011** by 11:00am. Please contact Vicki Dyer at 483-9332 or vdyer@scisale.com.

The charges for late reservations or walk-ins are:
\$22.50 for Members
\$24.00 for Non-Members

Individuals making reservations, but not attending will be billed for the meeting.

See You There!!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Board of Directors of NCMA-ET hopes that all of you had a joyous, safe and wonderful Holiday Season. We also wish for everyone to have a prosperous New Year.

A round of thanks to the Oak Ridge Young/Early Career Professionals Group for an insightful discussion at November's luncheon. A special thanks to our chapter Vice-President Markesha McCants for facilitating the panel discussion.

For January, the Procurement Director's Round Table is scheduled for our membership luncheon. This event has been well received in the past and we expect to see the same this year. Please sure to think about your questions for our esteemed Procurement Directors. We are sure that they will have an abundance of information relating to the future outlook of contracting and subcontracting activities for the Oak Ridge Reservation.

Congratulations are in order to the members who passed the Certified Federal Contract Manager (CFCM) Certification Exam last month. This is a wonderful achievement and testimony to your diligence and professional growth.

Additionally, we extend our thanks and appreciation to the chapter's Education Committee for its successful workshop 'Requests for Equitable Adjustments.' The workshop was regarded as a valuable and timely subject of discussion with excellent attendance.

Finally, please be mindful of upcoming events and discussion groups indicated within the newsletter. Remember that the Board is open to all suggestions for topics that you believe are career enhancing and supportive towards our combined professional development.

William "Bill" Thornton III


MEMBERSHIP

Do you feel like you need some scholarly insight into your profession? NCMA provides a great resource that's now online: **THE JOURNAL OF CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**. It's 'Members Only' who can take advantage of this and other great resources.

There are several ways to join or renew – simply see one of us at our events or join online at: www.ncmahq.org.

Membership Committee

EDUCATION FLASH



Calling all Construction Subcontracts Administrators, Buyers and Contract Managers – are you interested in furthering your knowledge by meeting with others in construction procurement? Our chapter is exploring facilitating a very informal knowledge-transfer group that can meet monthly after the regular chapter meeting at Burchfield's restaurant at the Double Tree hotel. A member recently expressed an interest in participating in a group like this. As one didn't exist, we thought it was the perfect opportunity to give it a try. There are several of us in this area who deal with the complexities of construction procurement, Davis-Bacon, wage determinations, craft labor relations, etc.

This group will kick-off in the New Year after the February chapter meeting. (It will be announced in the January meeting.) If this time or venue is not convenient, the group can choose to change it. This is a wonderful opportunity to both learn from your peers and educate those on your unique experience. We hope to see you there.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP INFORMATION

We are hoping to host a Workshop in February on the topic of Davis Bacon/Service Contract Act – understanding and implementation and are currently searching for Subject Matter Experts willing and available to teach at the workshop on February 2. Please send any contact information to Lesli Alcorn at lalcorn@sec-tn.com. Stay tuned for details in next month's Newsletter!

Education Committee



William (Bill) Thornton III
Director, Procurement Operations
B&W Y-12, LLC

William Thornton has 35 years of progressive Procurement and Subcontract Management experience with 10 years on the Oak Ridge reservation. His career started with Union Carbide Corporation as a Buyer and has had progressive responsibility for procurement and subcontracting activity for such firms as Martin Marietta Aerospace, City of Orlando Florida, Rust Engineering; United Space Alliance – Cape Kennedy Florida; Jacobs Engineering; He has performed the duties of Procurement and Contracts Manager for the construction of NASA’s Advanced Solid Rocket Motor Production Facility, (Iuka, MS), the Advanced Photon Source Project located at Argonne National Laboratory, (Chicago, Ill), McCormick Place Convention Center and Navy Pier Expansion Project (Chicago Ill), Kimberly Clark - Jacobs Engineering Alliance eastern region modernization projects (Philadelphia, PA), United Space Alliance – Shuttle Booster Re-Fabrication and Flight Control Systems (Cape Kennedy, Fl); Engineering, Procurement and Construction of UT-Battelle’s Spallation Neutron Source Project (Oak Ridge, Tennessee). He currently holds the position of Director of Procurement Operations for B&W Y-12, LLC (Oak Ridge, Tennessee).

Bill completed undergraduate studies at University of South Florida 1976. He currently holds a Master’s Certificate in Government Contract Management from George Washington University.

Heidi H. Timmerman

Director of Procurement and Contracts Administration

Heidi H. Timmerman joined Oak Ridge Associated Universities in September 2009 as director of procurement and contracts administration. She is responsible for directing the long-range strategic, as well as day-to-day, operation for the procurements and contracts administration department. This includes prime contracting, Work for Others, small business programs, purchase-card administration and procurement services.



Timmerman is active in ORAU leadership development programs, holds key roles in special projects, and, brings valuable business expertise to ORAU's operations. She is also involved in the community with participation in Leadership Oak Ridge, East Tennessee Economic Council and the National Contracting Management Association.

Prior to joining ORAU, Timmerman served as vice president of supply chain operations of IdleAire Inc., and IdleAire Technologies Corporation where she was responsible for product and service support of 131 nationwide locations. She also served as director of procurement, store services and contracts management for Goody's Family Clothing. Prior to moving to Tennessee, Timmerman was a senior buyer/planner for manufacturer, Chatsworth Products, Inc. In addition to her commercial experience, Timmerman was a U.S. Marine Corps captain, serving in a variety of roles such as company executive officer, department head and civil process supervisor.

Timmerman has a master's of business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a bachelor's degree in political science and management from the University of Rochester, N.Y. She also holds certified purchasing manager credentials from the Institute of Supply Management.

Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) is a university consortium leveraging the scientific strength of 98 major research institutions to advance science and education by partnering with national laboratories, government agencies, and private industry. ORAU manages the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Name **Jerome K. Hicks**

Title: **Director, Contracts**



Jerome Hicks is the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Contracts Division Director. He directs more than 75 acquisition personnel awarding contracts valued over \$1 billion in support of approximately 4,800 personnel at ORNL. In addition to these duties, he is the Acquisition Management System owner in support of ORNL operations. This consists of coordinating and managing an annual budget in excess of \$13 million and over 100 personnel.

Jerome has more than 25 years experience as a contracts professional. He began his career as a contracts specialist in the United States Air Force in 1983. He spent seven (7) years in support of the U. S. Air Force Strategic Air Command. In 1990, he left the Air Force and joined the General Electric Machinery Apparatus Operation as a Procurement Specialist in support of the U. S. Naval Nuclear Reactors Program. In late 1991, Jerome went to work for Westinghouse as a Procurement Administrator in support of Facility Operations and Maintenance Services for the U. S. Department of Energy Savannah River Site.

Prior to joining ORNL in 2006, Jerome was employed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for 13 years. He started out as a Staff Subcontract Administrator and subsequently received promotions to the positions of Senior Subcontract Administrator, Team Leader, and Group Manager prior to becoming the Director of Contracts & Business Services in 2004.

Jerome has received numerous honors and awards throughout his procurement career including the Midwest Research Institute/Battelle/Bechtel Chairman's Award, the DOE Secretary of Energy Award for Reduction of GSO Balances, U. S. Air Force Pricing Achievement Award, U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal, U. S. Air Force Achievement Medal, and U. S. Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

Jerome has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from the University of Southern Maine. He also has an Associate of Arts Degree in Contract Management from the Community College of the U. S. Air Force and has completed courses toward a Master of Business Administration from Regis University.

SCOTT SHEPHERD
ACQUISITION SERVICES MANAGER
BECHTEL JACOBS

I am a native Oak Ridger and have graduated from University of Tennessee.

For 30 years I've been in the Procurement profession starting with Union Carbide Corporation Nuclear Division in 1981 as a buyer of electrical equipment. Subsequently, I have worked for Martin Marietta, Lockheed Martin Energy Systems and Bechtel Jacobs Company LLC; buying everything from electronic equipment to complex operating systems as well as subcontracts for engineering, and professional services.

Throughout my career, I have awarded and administered a variety of fixed price and cost reimbursable subcontracts. I have served as Subcontracts Manager for Bechtel Jacobs from 2005 - 2008 and am now the Acquisition Services Manager for Bechtel Jacobs.



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Meeting Pictures

December 2010





East TN NCMA

Program Schedule

2010-2011

August 16, 2010	Board Meeting 5:00 pm <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Kick-off and Planning for Program Year 2010 - 2011
September 08, 2009	Membership Meeting 11:30am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Barbara Jackson Topic: A Look at Challenges and Opportunities
September 22, 2010	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales</i>	
October 06, 2010	Membership Meeting 11:30am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Gary Gilmartin Topic: Energy Park
October 20, 2010	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales</i>	
November 03, 2010	Membership Meeting 11:30am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Dr. Murray Topic: UT Economic Impact on Oak Ridge
November 17, 2010	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales</i>	
December 01, 2010	Membership Meeting 11:30am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speakers: Rachel Carvell, Kenneth Herring, Carri Hilson, & Markesha McCants Topic: Young /Early Career Professionals in the Oak Ridge Community
December 15, 2010	Board Meeting 11:30am <i>Scientific Sales</i>	
January 05, 2011	Membership Meeting 11:30am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speakers: William (Bill) Thornton III, Heidi H. Timmerman, Jerome K. Hicks, & Scott Shepherd Topic: Procurement Director's Round Table
January 19, 2011	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales</i>	



East TN NCMA

Program Schedule

2010-2011

February 02, 2011	Membership Meeting 11:30am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Wendy Bryant Topic: REA & Contract Changes
February 16, 2011	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales</i>	
March 02, 2011	Membership Meeting 11:30am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: TBA Topic: DCAA
March 16, 2011	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales</i>	
April 06, 2011	NES 8:00am - 4:00pm <i>DoubleTree Hote</i>	Speaker: TBA Topic: TBA
April 20, 2001	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales</i>	
May 04, 2011	Membership Meeting 11:30am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Beverly Harness Topic: Building a Winning Proposal
May 18, 2011	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales</i>	



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