





EAST TENNESSEE



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

New Policy - Now accepting payment in advance through Friday September 1st at 11:00am EST.

Where: DoubleTree Hotel, Oak Ridge

When: Wednesday

September 6th, 2023

Social: 11:30 am **Lunch:** 11:45 am

Cost: \$20.00 for Members

\$25.00 for Non-Members

Paypal: paypal.me/NCMAEastTennessee

You may pay by cash or check at the door, but paying via

Paypal is strongly encouraged.

Speaker: KAREN SHEARS

(1 CLP/CEU ELIGIBLE)

Director, Procurement and Contracts

Division Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management

RONALD SISSEL

CFO, Office of Science, Consolidated

Service Center

Topic: DOE MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Menu: Garden Salad with Italian and Ranch Dressings

Meat Lasagna

Country Style Green Beans Cheesecake w/ Berries Iced Tea, Water and Coffee

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If you pay after 11:00 am, your payment may be credited to the following month's NCMA event.

Just visit paypal.me/NCMAEastTennessee and enter your amount.~

You must still make your reservation with Vicki Dyer even if you use PayPal to make your payment. We apologize, but refunds cannot be given on advanced payments.

Reservations <u>MUST</u> be made by Friday, September 1st by 11:00 a.m. Please contact Vicki Dyer or Don Evans at 483-9332 or vdyer@scisale.com / devans@scisale.com Space is limited.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

After a busy year, it's finally here – the official kick-off of another program year of NCMA for our East TN chapter! Our stellar chapter board has already been hard at work planning for this year to be just as beneficial to you in terms of training and networking events, as well as opportunities to give back and serve our local community. NCMA is such an integral part of our profession, and I can tell you that among NCMA our east TN chapter continually stands out among all the chapters in the nation. Myself and our Board are committed to continuing that legacy we've inherited.



Let me take just a moment to introduce myself if anyone reading doesn't know who I am. My name is Justin Keck, and it's my honor and privilege to serve this year as the President of our chapter for this program year. I manage a team of Procurement Officers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), where I've worked for almost 15 years. I live in the Karns community with my wife (MarKita) and two children (Noah and Jaylea). NCMA has played a part in my career from the very beginning. I was a recipient of one of our scholarships my last semester in college, and as we still do, I was given an invitation to come to one of our monthly meetings the January after I graduated. That was my very first NCMA meeting, and even as a shy fresh-faced college graduate that didn't know anything about contracts or contracting, I was made to feel welcome and made a number of incredibly valuable contacts that day. Many of those people are still dear friends that are still serving our chapter, and one of those even led to me getting an interview

and eventual job at ORNL! I say that to try to emphasize just how valuable an organization like NCMA can be. And my hope is that each of you will recognize that and partner with us this year to get as much as we can out of this program year.

If you ever have any ideas about how we can make our chapter better, or want to share your own story about what NCMA has meant to you, please don't ever hesitate to reach out. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this year.

Justin Keck President

SPEAKER BIO

KAREN SHEARS

Director, Procurement and Contracts Division Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management



Karen Shears is the Director of the Procurement and Contracts Division for the Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management. She is responsible for contracts, financial assis-

tance, and independent government cost estimates for the Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management. Ms. Shears came to DOE in 1995 and has worked for the Office of Science and the Office of Environmental Management. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama, and her Master of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

RONALD SISSEL

CFO, Office of Science, Consolidated Service Center



Ron Sissel is the Designated Financial Officer for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science (SC). He is currently the Manager for the SC's Office of Financial Services (OFS) in their Consolidated Service Center. In this capacity, Mr. Sissel is responsible for financial ser-

vices in the areas of funds management, accounting operations, audit liaison, financial advice and pricing in support of contract awards and administration, and management and financial reviews. Mr. Sissel ensures that OFS delivers timely, reliable, quality services and financial data to enable the successful mission execution of the SC, other DOE Offices, and participants in the Strategic Partnership Projects (SPP) program. OFS has processed over \$8.5 Billion in new obligations in 2022 and obligated new funds on 2,703 contracts and grants and 5,189 SPP agreements.

Mr. Sissel has over 15 years of experience with the Department of Energy and previously served as a Senior Executive in the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and with the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA). At NNSA, he served as the Deputy Associate Administrator for Budget at ETA, Mr. Sissel was the Budget Director and Comptroller. Mr. Sissel has had continual success in leading organizations in and through transitions.

NATIONAL NEWS

NCMA will host its *final* Government Contract Management Symposium and send it off with a flourish. November 6-7th in Bethesda MD, GCMS is themed Strong Foundations, Endless Opportunities. The theme honors NCMA's legacy and continued role as the one-of-a-kind neutral forum where government and industry buyers and sellers connect over the opportunities and challenges that shape our way forward.



Information can be found at: GCMS 2023

World Congress 2024

The nation's leading training event for contract management, procurement, and acquisition professionals is being held July 21-24, Seattle, WA

Want just a glimpse of what World Congress is like? View the video below:



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NCMA OF ET AT WORLD CONGRESS

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NCMA of ET at World Congress









CHAPTER NEWS

AWARDS & HONORS



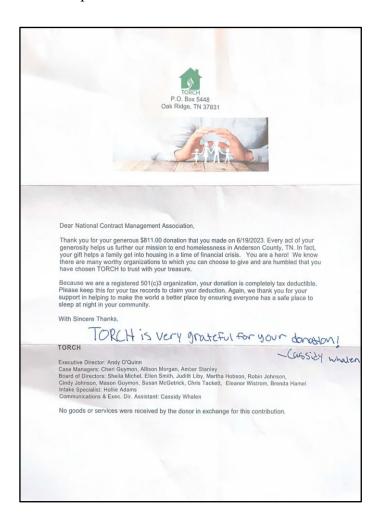
Congratulations to Chapter member Susan Starr, CFCM on receiving NCMA's Fellow Award at World Congress in Nash-

ville, TN in July. This award recognizes those individuals who have made significant contributions to the contract management profession and NCMA.



FUNDRAISER UPDATE

This year's end of year fundraising event that took place at Atomic Battle Axe raised over \$800 for the local charity TORCH. Below is a letter that was sent to the chapter back in June.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We're busy planning our educational events for the 23-24 program year and will have information out to our members soon!

If you are interested in pursuing an NCMA Certification to enhance your career goals, NCMA has posted the schedule for both self-paced and instructor-led preparation courses. Practice Exams are included in all options. Visit Certification Online Preparatory Courses (ncmahq.org) for more information.

Certification	Self-Paced	Instructor-Led
CPCM	Opens 9/25/23	Opens 9/25/23 for course
		dates 10/2/23 - 12/17/23
CFCM	Opens 9/25/23	Opens 9/25/23 for course
		dates 10/2/23 - 12/17/23
CCMA	Open at all times	Not available

If a Professional Certification isn't fitting into your schedule at this time, check out the Certificate Course offerings here <u>Certificate Courses (ncmahq.org)</u>.

Certificate Course	On-line via Zoom
U.S. Federal Contracting Fun-	10/16/23 – 10/19/23 from 2:00-
damentals	4:30pm ET
Cost and Pricing Fundamen-	12/4/23 – 12/7/23 from 2:00-
tals	4:30pm ET

Join the NCMA East Tennessee chapter to get the NCMA member discount for the courses!

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The Programs committee would like to get your feedback on the programs being offered. Please email your comments or suggestions for future events to Landon Hill (hilldl@ornl.gov), Ashley Bumgardner (ashley.bumgardner@pxy12.doe.gov) or Katherine Bumgardner (katherine.bumgardner@akimainfrasvcs.com).



AREA JOB OPENINGS

- Akima Prime Contracts and Procurement Specialists Multiple Levels Department of Energy (DOE)
- Aleut Contracts Manager
- Bechtel Subcontract Administrator
- CNS Supply Chain Business Manager
- CNS Procurement Engineer
- Jacobs Contracting Professional
- Leidos Associate Buyer
- Leidos Associate P-Card Operation Analyst
- <u>Leidos Buyer</u>
- SAIC Senior Contracts Analyst
- SAIC Contracts Principal
- SAIC Contracts Senior Principal
- SAIC Senior Subcontracts Analyst
- SAIC Subcontracts Senior Principal
- SAIC Senior Subcontracts Analyst
- <u>USAJOBS Contract Specialist/Procurement Analyst</u>
- <u>USAJOBS Contract Spec/Administrator/Negotiator</u>, Procurement Analyst
- <u>USAJOBS</u> Acquisitions Specialist
- USAJOBS Contract Specialist (Open Continuous)

MEMBERSHIP

Committee Chairs: Stephanie Grayson and Casey

McCracken

SEE THE NCMA RECRUITING MATERIALS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Local Chapter Membership Numbers

Monthly members -235

NEW MEMBER INITIATIVE PROGRAM BRING A FRIEND!

In an effort to grow membership and networking opportunities, the NCMA East Tennessee chapter is now starting a new member initiative program to encourage current members to invite a guest (peer or co-worker) who is a non-member to one of our monthly membership meetings. If the guest joins the chapter within 3-months of attending the initial meeting, the member and guest who joined will receive a credit that would entitle both to attend a

future lunch meeting at no cost. In order to qualify for the credit, the guest who joins must complete and submit the member application attached to this newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

As always, if you have any thoughts or suggestions on how to make our newsletter more informative or useful, please let us know!

Tracie Miller <u>tracie@edwardssupply.com</u>
Taylor Tatum <u>taylor@edwardssupply.com</u>
Stephen Weigel <u>stephen@edwardssupply.com</u>

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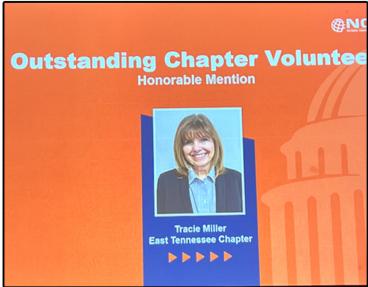
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NCMA of ET at World Congress









END OF YEAR SOCIAL











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NCMA of East Tennessee: Activity Calendar for Program Year 2023-2024

The calendar for the 2023-2024 season is being finalized and will be included in the next newsletter.

The next General Meeting will be October 4th.



NATIONAL CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



NCMA of ET Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2023-2024

Officers	Name
President	Justin Keck
President Elect	Katherine Bumgardner
Secretary	Amina Khaliq
Treasurer	Gary Mitchell
Chapter Advisor	Jamie Ford

Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs	Name	
Education	Jeanine Roso	
	Ashley Bumgardner	
Employment	Pamela Dawson	
	Kala Dickerson	
Financial Advisor	Ted Hotz	
Honors & Awards	Heidi Timmerman	
	Susan Starr	
Membership	Casey McCracken	
	Stephanie Grayson	
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	[TBD]	
Newsletter	Tracie Miller	
	Taylor Tatum	
	Stephen Weigel	
Nominations & Elections	Tess Klatt	
Scholarships	Greta Ownby	
	Brian Givens	

Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs	Name
Community Coordination	Courtney Gardner
	Misty Tanner
Programs	Landon Hill
	Katherine Bumgardner
	Ashley Bumgardner
Webmaster	Lindsey Evans
	Stephanie Grayson
Social Media	Amanda Daugherty
Social	Vicki Dyer
	Don Evans
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	Thomas Golacinski
Media	Don Evans
	Stephen Weigel
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	Heidi Timmerman
	Amy Underwood
National News (National BOD)	Heidi Timmerman



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CNS comprises member companies Bechtel National, Inc.; Leidos; ATK Launch Systems; and SOC LLC, with Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. as a teaming subcontractor.

To achieve these goals, CNS is dedicating a senior team of managers from its member companies who bring extensive experience to meet the challenges and opportunities of leading two world-class facilities with one vision.



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<u>VWR</u> – Acquired by Avantor in 2017 as a wholly-owned subsidiary, VWR serves as a leading global provider of product and service solutions to laboratory and production customers in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, industrial, education, government and healthcare industries. The combined company is a trusted end-to-end partner to customers and suppliers from discovery to delivery. With operations in more than 30 countries and a diverse portfolio that includes more than four million branded and manufactured products, we enable customer success through innovation, cGMP manufacturing and comprehensive service offerings. Collectively, we set science in motion to create a better world.





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With teams located across the US and the UK, and networks and relationships around the world, we bring an international perspective and extended jurisdictional reach to a wide range of client needs — a powerful combination that presents a compelling alternative to other firms.



East Tennessee Chapter

BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR OF YOUR CHAPTER TODAY!

Gold \$750

• Up to 4 additional attendees invited at the Member Price (savings of \$3 per attendee) to a monthly luncheon of choice.

- Advertised with full company logo banner as the Gold Sponsor in the monthly Chapter Insight Newsletter, the East Tennessee NCMA website (Sponsorship page will be displayed at start and finish of monthly luncheon meetings).
- Receive a Gold name tag banner for NMCA functions.
- Opportunity to leave literature at luncheon events.

Silver \$500

- Up to 2 additional attendees invited at the Member Price (savings of \$3 per attendee).
- Advertised with full company logo banner as the Silver Sponsor in the monthly Chapter Insight Newsletter, the East Tennessee NCMA website (Sponsorship page will be displayed at start and finish of monthly luncheon meetings).
- Receive a Silver name tag banner.

Bronze \$300

- Advertised with company name as the Bronze Sponsor in the monthly Chapter Insight Newsletter, the East Tennessee NCMA website (Sponsorship page will be displayed at start and finish of monthly luncheon meetings).
- Receive a Bronze name tag banner.

Sponsorship Application



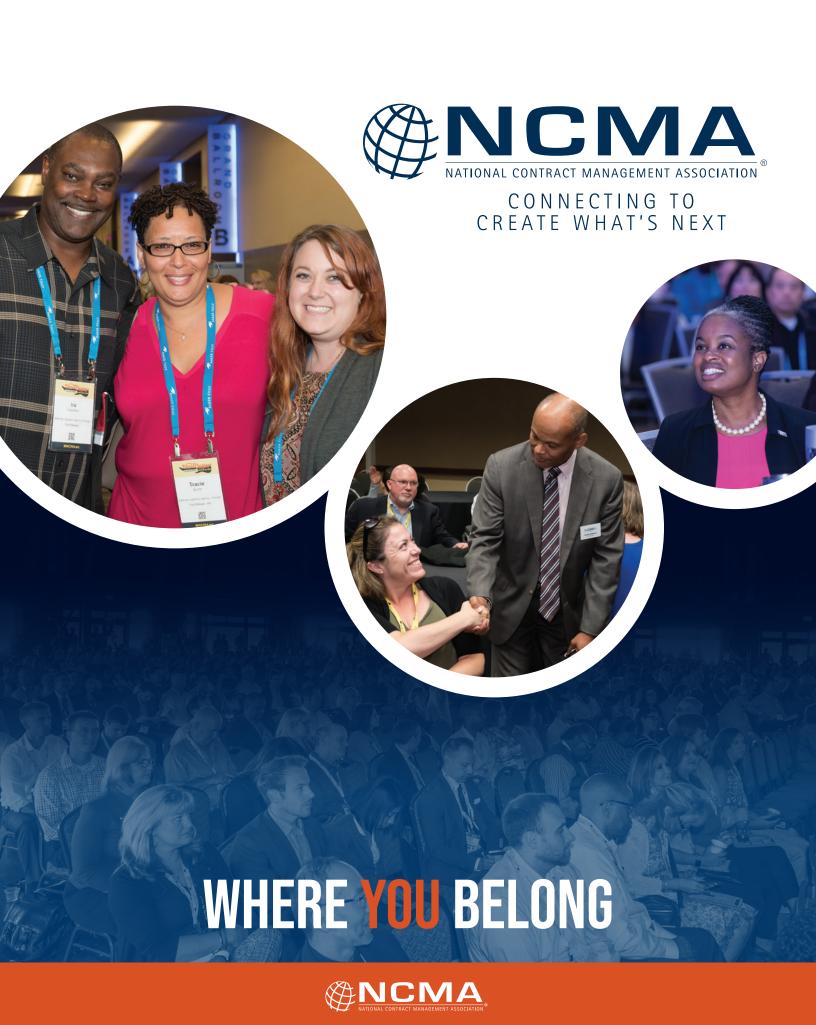
The East Tennessee Chapter would like to offer you a brand new sponsorship opportunity for the 2023-2024 Program Year in support of our continuing education program. Our monthly luncheon meeting is generally held on the first Wednesday of every month from 11:30am till 1:00pm. This educational series helps local acquisition professionals on both the government and industry side earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours while learning about the most current or "hot" topics affecting the acquisition community from noted government and industry leaders.

The National Contract Management Association (NCMA), founded in 1959, is the world's leading professional resource for those in the field of contract management. The organization, which has over 20,000 members, is dedicated to the professional growth and educational advancement of procurement and acquisition personnel worldwide. NCMA strives to serve and inform the profession it represents and to offer opportunities for the open exchange of ideas in neutral forums.

A sponsorship with our Chapter would include your company advertised at our monthly luncheons, in our monthly newsletter and on our website. Your company would also receive a discounted rate for attendance at our monthly luncheons, and a "SPONSOR" ribbon to add to your name tag at each Chapter event.

Company Information	Sponsorship Type	
	Gold - \$750	
COMPANY NAME	 Up to 4 additional attendees invited at the Member Price (savings of \$3 per attendee) to a monthly luncheon of choice. 	
CONTACT NAME	 Advertised with full company logo banner as the Gold Sponsor in the monthly Chapter Insight Newsletter, the East Tennessee NCMA website (Sponsorship page will be displayed at start and finish of monthly luncheon 	
ADDRESS	meetings).	
	 Receive a Gold name tag banner for NMCA functions. 	
STE#	Opportunity to leave literature at luncheon events.	
CITY/STATE ZIP	Silver- \$500	
	Up to 2 additional attendees invited at the Member Price (asvinge of \$2 per ettendee)	
TELEPHONE	(savings of \$3 per attendee).	
	 Advertised with full company logo banner as the Silver Sponsor in the monthly Chapter Insight Newsletter, the East Tennessee NCMA website (Sponsorship page will be 	
E-MAIL	displayed at start and finish of monthly luncheon meetings).	
WEBSITE	Receive a Silver name tag banner.	
Please mail the completed registration form along with		
sponsorship payment to East Tennessee Chapter of	Bronze - \$300	
NCMA, PO Box 5234, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Make all	Advertised with company name as the Bronze Sponsor in	
checks payable to East Tennessee Chapter of NCMA.	the monthly Chapter Insight Newsletter, the East Tennessee NCMA website (Sponsorship page will be	
Payment Method	displayed at start and finish of monthly luncheon	
Check enclosed for \$	meetings).	
Please debit my bank account for:	Receive a Bronze name tag banner.	
ACCOUNT # CHECKING/SAVINGS		
ROUTING #		
NAME ON ACCOUNT		
SIGNATURE		





WHY NCMA



EMPOWER YOUR PEOPLE





NCMA has enhanced my career in many ways. The Certified Federal Contract Manager (CFCM) course, for example, really helped me gain a better understanding of the *FAR*. I then took the certification test and received an instant promotion after becoming a CFCM.

-Courteney Hewlett, CFCM, Academy Medical, LLC





STAY CURRENT





My NCMA membership keeps me current on federal government contracting issues and changes, as well as access to relevant peers to fully understand differing perspectives on those contracting issues and changes. I would be at a significant professional disadvantage if I were not a member of NCMA.

-Russell Huffman, NCMA Fellow, Webster University





BE PART OF THE GOLD STANDARD





NCMA is the only professional association for contracts management professionals recognized nationally in the U.S. with local chapters in nearly every state. It is equally recognized and respected at all levels of government and industry. NCMA members are considered to be at a higher level of professional competence.

-Mueed Shams, CPCM, CFCM, Oracle Corporation





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Access to up-to-the-minute career opportunities on ContractManagementJobs.com



Over 80 local chapters through which to build your network



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- Career progression
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CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT MANAGER™ (CPCM™) — ANAB-ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION

Validates your overall knowledge of the Contract Management Body of Knowledge® (CMBOK®)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Education: Undergraduate Degree

Credits: 120 CPE Hours

Contract Management Experience: 5 Years







CERTIFIED FEDERAL CONTRACT MANAGER™ (CFCM™) — ANAB-ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION

Validates your overall knowledge of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Education: Undergraduate Degree

Credits: 80 CPE Hours

Contract Management Experience: 2 Years







CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL CONTRACT MANAGER™ (CCCM™)

Validates your overall knowledge of the **Uniform Commercial Code (UCC)**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Education: Undergraduate Degree

Credits: 80 CPE Hours

Contract Management Experience: 2 Years







CERTIFIED CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATE (CCMA) — ANAB-ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION

This entry-level certification validates your overall knowledge of the ANSI-Approved Standard Contract Management Standard™ (CMS™)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Education: Undergraduate Degree**

Credits: 40 CPE Hours

Contract Management Experience: 1 Year**







CERTIFICATION PROCESS



Complete and submit application

Application approval period (up to 15 business days) Register for the exam (and study!)

Pass the exam and watch your career transform



My goal is to be an expert in contract management. NCMA certification is the best way to make visible my area of expertise.

—Self-motivated contract management professional



Working in the defense industry, the CPCM makes me more eligible for key positions on contracts.

-Member of defense industry



My NCMA certification evidences my commitment to the field of contract management.

—Early career professional



It has given me credibility in the field and led to advancement in position and salary.

Long-term contract management professional



These certifications carry a lot of credibility with my government contracting counterparts.

—Government contractor



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