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***TUESDAY OCT 4TH
GENERAL MEETING***

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*****TUESDAY*****

Where: DoubleTree Hotel, Oak Ridge

When: Tuesday
October 4th, 2022

Social: 11:30 am

Lunch: 11:45 am

Cost: \$20.00 for Members
\$25.00 for Non-Members
Paypal: [paypal.me/NCMAEastTennessee](https://www.paypal.me/NCMAEastTennessee)

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Paypal is strongly encouraged.*

Speaker: **STEVE VENTURA**
Associate General Counsel
ORNL / UT-Batelle, LLC.

Topic: **ETHICS FOR CONTRACTING
PROFESSIONALS**

Menu: Garden Salad with Honey Dijon and Ranch Dressings
Meat Lasagna
Sauteed Green Beans
Rolls with Butter
Chef's Choice Dessert
Iced Tea, Coffee, Decafe and Water

~ Now accepting payment in advance through 11:00am EST the day before event. If you pay after 11:00 am, your payment may be credited to the following month's NCMA event. Just visit [paypal.me/NCMAEastTennessee](https://www.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 **MUST** be made by **Monday, October 3rd 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

As I write this note, the end-of-year is bearing down on us with all its might. Since this is our October newsletter, I wish each of you a happy new fiscal year. I know the newsletter goes out a few days before the end of the month, but most of us won't have time to read this darn thing until October anyway. I keep hearing the same tune from industry and government colleagues alike, "we are so understaffed." None-the-less, we remain successful at getting the job done! We are in this together.

It was so nice to meet in September and be with people who understand both the good and hard of our chosen profession. I was telling Susan Starr on the way out to World Congress in July that sometimes, when people ask what I do for a living, I tell them I'm a secretary because I just get tired of explaining what "contracting" really means. Ok, the secret is out, maybe I'm not an extrovert. In any case, that is why I enjoy this organization, everyone just gets it. My new fiscal year wish for each of you is that you find NCMA ET a place where you come to see friendly faces and feel supported and surrounded by people who get it – no explanation required.

Procurement and contracts can be a high-stress and rewarding career field that isn't easily relatable to folks outside our business. Our local meetings and events, like happy hour (think Oktoberfest), is an opportunity to lift one another up, break down new ideas, and find a place to laugh and be silly. While September may be a traditional busy month, more and more, all the months are busy so I'm thinking the "fest" in Oktoberfest may need to show its face more often.

I hope to see you all after we crush this busy year-end. It's my sincere belief that getting to know one another on a professional and personal level just makes our jobs easier and our life a little brighter. Let me leave you with a quote from my favorite October movie,

“Since this promises to be a most dire and stressful evening, I suggest we form a calming circle” *Hocus Pocus*.

See you soon,

Jamie A. Ford, CFCM
President, NCMA ET Chapter

SPEAKER BIO

STEVE VENTURA

*Associate General Counsel
ORNL / UT-Battelle, LLC.*



Steve has over 20 years of legal and human resources experience and has been at ORNL since 2009. His primary areas of practice and legal expertise focus on traditional labor and employment law, employee benefits law, immigration law, litigation, legal management, records destruction, lobbying, and ethics.

Steve provides proactive counseling and legal advice regarding human resources, ethics matters, and related statutory and regulatory compliance. He has extensive experience before federal and state courts, as well as before federal, state, and local agencies. He has also provided education on legal trends and judicial developments to various national, state, and local professional organizations.

Prior to joining ORNL, Steve was an attorney with two national labor and employment law firms and worked as a Human Resources Manager in manufacturing. Steve also served in the United States Air Force, where he was awarded a Presidential Commission as a Second

Lieutenant and attained the rank of Captain. Upon completion of his tour of duty, Steve was appointed as Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Marion A. Humphrey in Pulaski County Circuit Court.

Steve is conversational in Italian and proficient in Spanish, having translated for both the Arkansas Court System and the United States Air Force.

Steve holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Georgia in Spanish, a Master of Science degree from Troy State University in Human Resources Management, and a law degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law. He is admitted to practice in both Florida and Tennessee.

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

KAYLA DICKERSON

*Contract & Acquisition Services Manager
UCOR*



After a substantial time of being in the industry, Mrs. Dickerson has currently worked for UCOR since February 2021. She started her career right out of college as a Subcontract Administrator for Battelle

Memorial Institute at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Mrs. Dickerson has held titles such as Contracts Manager, Small Business Program Manager, Director of Business Support Services, Business Operations Associate Manager, Director of Prime Contract Compliance, and Vice President, Prime Contract and Project Integration. These titles have been with a combination

of small and large businesses, including a DOE National Laboratory.

Starting in 1998, Mrs. Dickerson has been a part of both the Columbia Basin and East Tennessee NCMA chapters. She states that the National Education Seminar or NES is her favorite NCMA program to attend as she has historically received superior training by experts in Government Contracting – they never disappoint!

As discovered early in her career, Mrs. Dickerson feels that not only attending the lunch meetings, but also seminars and evening functions, is the best way to network through NCMA. The biggest benefit to being a part of NCMA has been the networking and training, which she has found to be helpful.

When not in the office, Mrs. Dickerson likes to spend time with her husband and three daughters. She also likes to boat and snow ski.

Mrs. Dickerson has a Master's in Business Administration from NOVA Southeastern University.

NATIONAL NEWS



Mark Your Calendars for the Government Contract Management Symposium 2022 in Bethesda, MD. December 5-6

“Get It Done: Solutions from the Front Lines”

This year's Government Contract Management Symposium shines a light on the front lines of the contract management profession—the people working hard

where the rubber meets the road. Every GCMS session will feature real-life stories from the field to illustrate how to apply key contracting skills; spotlight the effects of new policies, regs, and practices; demonstrate applicable techniques for building your career; and reveal ways practitioners are using innovative methods and technology.

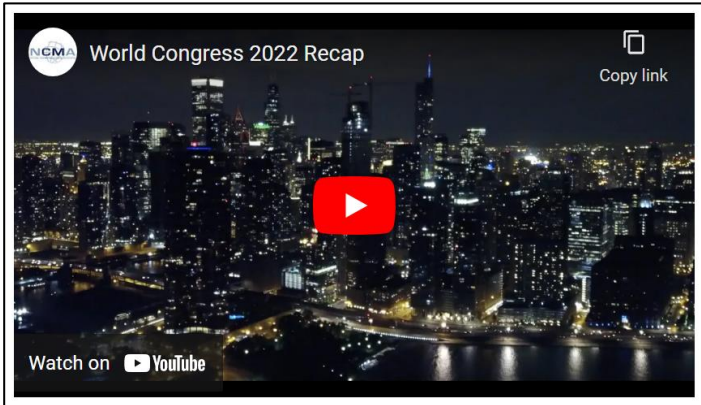
Tracks include:

- **Get Smart** - Attend these sessions if you're looking to hone your skills in some of the most challenging practices in contract management. If you're new to the profession, this track is where you'll also find voices of wisdom and experience on the essential basics every practitioner must master.
- **Get Ready** - If you're looking for insider tips, tricks and analysis on hot issues, innovations, and what's coming in contracting, this is your track. Sleepless over supply chain risk? Confused about the state of CMMC? Stymied by software acquisition? Curious about contracting bots? Enticed by the ease of OTAs and CSOs?
- **Get Ahead** - You know that true success in our field takes more than just knowing the rules. Communication, collaboration, negotiation, influence, and leadership are just as important. And that is true whether managing contracts or your own career. This track offers deep dives and the best current thinking about the personal skills and organizational culture you need to succeed.

WORLD CONGRESS 2023

The nation's leading training event for contract management, procurement, and acquisition professionals is being held July 23-26, Nashville, Tennessee.

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



<https://youtu.be/BPkyG3TeNp4>

Plan to join the fun during World Congress 2023 at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville next July!

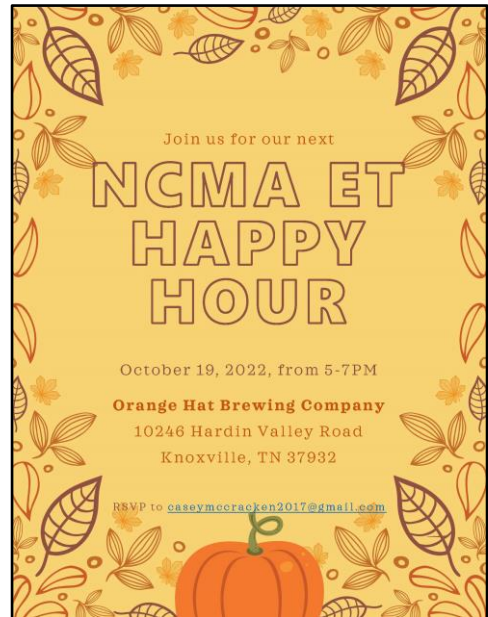


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CHAPTER NEWS

NCMA HAPPY HOUR

Join us for our next Happy Hour Networking Event!
October 19th, 2022 from 5pm-7pm.
Orange Hat Brewing Company
See full flyer in newsletter.



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Stay tuned for more information from the Education Committee as this PY gets going. In the meantime, check out the New Certificate Courses available thru the NCMA HQ website! (Membership Required)

[New Certificate 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 at hilldl@ornl.gov, or Katherine Bumgardner at Katherine.bumgardner@truproject.com.

AREA JOB OPENINGS

- [Arconic \(formely Alcoa\) – Procurement Operations Strategic Buyer](#)
- [Jacobs - Contract Administrator](#)
- [Jacobs - Supply Chain Manager \(UCOR\)](#)
- [Keller Group, LLC \(Kelsan\) - Purchasing Expeditor](#)
- [Leidos - Associate Buyer](#)
- [Leidos - Lead Subcontracts Administrator](#)
- [Leidos - Senior Buyer](#)
- [North Wind Group - Fall 2022 Internship Contract Administrator I/II](#)
- [ORNL - Procurement Manager - Second Target Station](#)
- [Relyant Global - Contracts Manager](#)
- [RSI EnTech, LLC - Contract Manager Sr](#)
- [USAJOBS - Dept of Energy Contract Specialist \(GS-1102-13\)](#)
- [USAJOBS - GSA Contract Spec/Administrator/Negotiator, Procurement Analyst](#)
- [USAJOBS - US Army Corps of Engineers Contract Specialist](#)
- [Y-12 \(CNS\) - Subcontract Administrator](#)
- [UCOR-Subcontract/Procurement Manager](#)
- [UCOR-Procurement Specialist Buyer](#)
- [DOE-Office of Science Contract Specialist](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Committee Chairs: Stephanie Grayson, Landon Hill, and Casey McCracken

SEE THE NCMA RECRUITING MATERIALS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Local Chapter Membership Numbers

Monthly members – 234



New Members

We would like to say a special HELLO and WELCOME to our new NCMA Members: **Regan Baltasar** and **Sydney Kingman**. For all our exceptional local members, please take a moment to welcome our new colleagues!

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 tracie@edwardssupply.com

Taylor Tatum taylor@edwardssupply.com

Stephen Weigel stephen@edwardssupply.com

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10246 Hardin Valley Road

Knoxville, TN 37932

RSVP to caseymccracken2017@gmail.com





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OF EAST TENNESSEE**

NCMA of East Tennessee: Activity Calendar for Program Year 2022-2023

Month	Date	Time	Event
October	4-Oct-22	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Monthly Membership Meeting:
	20-Oct-22	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Board of Directors Meeting: Scientific Sales, Oak Ridge
		COB	Deadline for NCMA-ET Newsletter Input Steve Ventura ORNL General Counsel, Ethics
November	2-Nov-22	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Monthly Membership Meeting:
	17-Nov-22	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Board of Directors Meeting: Scientific Sales, Oak Ridge
		COB	Deadline for NCMA-ET Newsletter Input Small Business Panel
December	7-Dec-22	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Monthly Membership Meeting:
		11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Board of Directors Meeting: Scientific Sales, Oak Ridge
		COB	Deadline for NCMA-ET Newsletter Input TBD
January	4-Jan-23	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Monthly Membership Meeting:
	19-Jan-23	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Board of Directors Meeting: Scientific Sales, Oak Ridge
		COB	Deadline for NCMA-ET Newsletter Input Tina Richards, SAIC Chief Procurement Officer, Sustainability
February	1-Feb-23	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Monthly Membership Meeting:
	16-Feb-23	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Board of Directors Meeting: Scientific Sales, Oak Ridge
		COB	Deadline for NCMA-ET Newsletter Input Winter Workshop
March	1-Mar-23	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Monthly Membership Meeting:
	16-Mar-23	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Board of Directors Meeting: Scientific Sales, Oak Ridge
		COB	Deadline for NCMA-ET Newsletter Input TBD
April	5-Apr-23	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Monthly Membership Meeting:
	20-Apr-23	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Board of Directors Meeting: Scientific Sales, Oak Ridge
		COB	Deadline for NCMA-ET Newsletter Input National Education Seminar/ TBD
May	3-May-23	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Monthly Membership Meeting:
	18-May-23	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Board of Directors Meeting: Scientific Sales, Oak Ridge
		COB	Deadline for NCMA-ET Newsletter Input TBD
June	7-Jun-23	11:30 AM	NCMA-ET Member Appreciation Event:
		COB	Deadline for NCMA-ET Newsletter Input Membership Appreciation

NCMA of ET Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2022-2023

Officers	
President	Jamie Ford
President Elect	Justin Keck
Secretary	Amina Khaliq
Treasurer	Gary Mitchell
Chapter Advisor	Susan Starr
Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs	
Education	Nancy LaForce
	Ashley Bumgardner
	Hazel Orick Gibson
Employment	Pamela Dawson
	Kala Dickerson
	Brooks Baldwin
Financial Advisor	
Chapter Excellence Award	Jamie Ford
	Justin Keck
	Susan Starr
Honors & Awards	Heidi Timmerman
	Susan Starr
Membership	Stephanie Grayson
	Landon Hill
	Casey McCracken
NES	Bethany Kalous-Henson
	Anna Jagers
	Scott Clemons
Newsletter	Tracie Miller
	Taylor Tatum
	Stephen Weigel
Nominations & Elections	Tess Klatt
Scholarships	Greta Ownby
	Brian Givens
Community Coordination	Anna Jagers
Student Community	Ro'Miyah Morton
	Jack Yardley
Programs	Katherine Bumgardner
	Landon Hill
Webmaster	Lindsey Evans (chairman)
	Stephanie Grayson
Social Media	Amanda Daugherty
Social	Vicki Dyer
	Don Evans
Sponsorship	Ted Hotz
	Thomas Golacinski
Media	Don Evans
	Ashley Bumgardner
	Stephen Weigel
Stronger Together	Kathrine Higley (chairperson)
	Amy Underwood
	Heidi Timmerman
National News (National BOD)	Heidi Timmerman

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WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON - Our regional heritage and local knowledge — combined with a transatlantic outlook — generate the insights capable of unlocking more opportunities for our clients. With locations on both sides of the Atlantic, we provide the breadth of legal experience and services to meet our clients' needs without losing the intimacy of being connected to our different communities. These strong local and regional ties enable us to remain close to our clients and the issues they care about. 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

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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 2022-2023 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

COMPANY NAME

CONTACT NAME

ADDRESS

STE#

CITY/STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE

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Please mail the completed registration form along with sponsorship payment to East Tennessee Chapter of NCMA, PO Box 5234, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Make all checks payable to East Tennessee Chapter of NCMA.

Payment Method

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Please debit my bank account for:

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NAME ON ACCOUNT

SIGNATURE

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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.

–**Courtney 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



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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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