



## 2020 Fall/Winter Newsletter

Greetings Chapter Members!

Fall is here and we are finally beginning to experience cooler temperatures! We have an exciting NCMA speaker this Thurs., Oct. 22nd, presenting live from 5:00-7:00PM in St. Louis and on Zoom about Ethics in Organizations. Read on for more information and how to register today!

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### **Upcoming Event Thurs., 10/22**

**Live Zoom NCMA Speaker: Heidi Timmerman** [See BIO.](#)

**What:** Topic - Ethics: The Higher Standard

**When:** Thurs., 10/22 from 5-7PM CST

**Where:** Zoom and Wash U Medical Campus for limited in person w/ masks and social distancing

- Registration is required
  - Sponsored by the St. Louis Gateway Chapter
  - Drawings for 3 NCMA Books: CMBOK (6th), Desktop FAR & Desktop Ts&Cs
- Registration deadline 10/20 COB, send email to: [ncmastl@gmail.com](mailto:ncmastl@gmail.com)



[Heidi Timmerman]

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

***Carol Harting, CPCM, CFCM***  
***Sr. Contracts Manager - SLED***  
***World Wide Technology, LLC***



[Carol Harting, CPCM, CFCM]

*As a Sr. Contracts Manager with WWT I manage 150+ State, Local, and Education contracts around the U.S. Working with so many different customers and contracts in various stages of the contract lifecycle expands my contract management knowledge continuously. This expertise has allowed me to assist and support in the*

development of a Public Sector contract management sector within the company.

### **Congratulations on this career achievement!**

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*If you'd like to stand in the spotlight for just a few of the great things you're doing, email [ncmastl@gmail.com](mailto:ncmastl@gmail.com) to be considered for an upcoming publication. Share a new promotion, a recent award, a recent board appointment or a rewarding community project.*

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## **NEWS ON TRENDS IN CONTRACTING**

### **COVID-19: Safeguarding the Procurement System from Increased Collusion and Criminal Antitrust Risks**

Managing procurement risk in today's climate means safeguarding your systems against new bad actors looking to take advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic. This webinar will be led by experienced prosecutors from the DOJ's Procurement Collusion Strike Force as they discuss criminal antitrust violations in procurement, practical techniques for identifying potential collusion and fraud, and best practices for maximizing competition and safeguarding procurement systems during the COVID-19 pandemic. This webinar is for federal buyers as well as industry sellers working to mitigate new risks in their supply chains. **Recording to be available soon!**

### **Chapter Reader Poll with Prizes - Take the Poll Now**

**Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9CC3M52>

**Contest Rules:** The contest winner will be randomly drawn from rostered current NCMA members. Winner will receive a surprise item valued at no more than \$5 and will be contacted for delivery or pick-up arrangements. Deadline to participate is 10/31/2020.

### **Defense Production Act (DPA): What Contractors Need to Know**

With three Executive Orders and two Presidential Memoranda issued in the last few weeks, Defense Production Act (DPA) policy is developing quickly. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) now has the authority to place rated orders under the Federal Priorities & Allocations System (FPAS) for equipment and resources to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. FPAS-rated orders present both opportunity and risk. This webinar will discuss what

contractors need to know about the FPAS program, what their obligations and rights are when they receive a rated order, and what remedies are available. **A free recording of the webinar is now available to NCMA members:**

- [Registered for the live session](#)
  - [DID NOT register for the live session](#)
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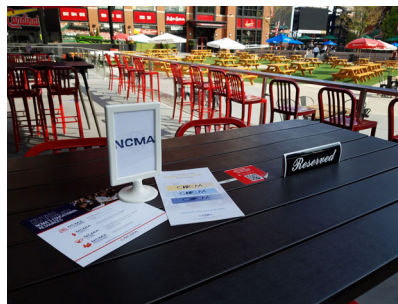
## **A "Social Distancing" Membership & Certification Celebration**

The chapter had grant funding from last program year to hold a membership social and certification celebration event. However, the planning was put on hold in early 2020 and all summer during the COVID-19 stay at home orders when there was no indoor dining or large group meetings in St. Louis City, County and the metro area. During that time, Sports & Social opened in Ballpark Village with 7,000 square feet of indoor seating, games, open walls, and an additional 300 seats of outdoor dining. The chapter moved forward with this location and held the "social distancing" social event with required masks and social distancing protocols on Sept. 22. It was also Taco Tuesday and there was a 7:05 PM away game between the Cardinals and the KC Royals.

*Thanks for joining us and see you at the next one!*



[Door prizes & hand sanitizer]



[Outdoor seating for up to 300]



[\$2 Tacos]



[Chapter Officer right, with family]

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## **Other Upcoming Events**

### **AFCEA Mid-America Cyberspace Conference is Virtual Nov. 3-5**

The AFCEA Mid-America Cyberspace Conference is virtual and features pre-conference trainings and an interactive exhibit hall. Attendees can also join in discussions and connect with peers. <https://www.afceacyberconference.com/>

### **Certification Chapter Study Team Forming in 2021**

Are you interested in joining a local certification study group this spring? The Chapter will host an Information Session in the coming months.

### **National Education Seminar (NES) TBA**

Due to the pandemic the March 2020 NES co-hosted with Scott AFB Chapter was postponed. The new date will be announced soon. The NES is a full day educational event with a national level speaker. This year's topic is, "Leadership Strategies for Contracting Professionals" and attendees earn 7 CPE/CLP credits.

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## **NCMA HQ National News and Event**

**HURRY! NCMA Still Needs Your Help!**

NCMA is developing the certification exam based on the ANSI-accredited [Contract Management Standard](#)<sup>TM</sup> and is seeking help in building a beta test group. As part of sound ANSI practices, HQ seeks those new to the profession with 1 year of experience or a degree to sit the first exam in November and provide feedback. The beta group application window will be open until October 30.

### **Annual NCMA GCMS 2020 in December**

December 3-4, 2020 - Virtual Conference - Earn CPEs

“The Path to Resilience” is this year’s theme of the Government Contract Management Symposium (GCMS).

- NCMA members are \$425 and non-members \$550

Save by [registering](#) at the discount advanced rate before Nov. 3rd.

### **A Local Member Comments on Why to Attend the GCMS**

A Gateway officer attended the 2019 conference in person and shared this advice during a quick interview:

- Can you sum up the GCMS in one word? ***Enlightening.***
- What was the best part of the GCMS you attended? ***Getting real time information from leaders in the contracting profession on what’s happening in the world of government acquisitions.***
- What should a first time attendee of the GCMS know? ***Bring business cards and be social.***
- What was the most fun thing at the GCMS? ***Networking with other contracting professionals.***

### **NEW! Contract Management Competency Assessment**

A new free NCMA HQ Contract Management Competency Assessment is available only to NCMA members. It uses NCMA's ANSI-accredited standards. To access, add it to your shopping cart as a no cost transaction to receive a link.

**LINK:** <https://www.ncmahq.org/learning/e-learning/competency-assessment>

### **Free NCMA CMBOK Abbreviations and Acronyms**

NCMA created a free downloadable PDF for reference on the Abbreviations and Acronyms commonly used throughout the contract management profession. Download the Free PDF at: <https://www.ncmahq.org/insights/store>

## **2021 World Congress Save the Date!**

World Congress 2021 will be in Denver, CO from July 25-28, 2021.

[Click for NCMA's Repository of Resources on COVID-19.](#)

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## **Other Training**

### **Thompson Coburn LLC Educational Webinars**

These webinars are a great way for non-legal professionals to stay on top of current legal topics affecting their businesses and industries. To view available presentations, click [here](#).

### **Webinar [Oct 22](#): Top Issues Affecting Government Contractors in FY21**

PCI use FREE code "NoCreditFree". No continuing education credit/certificate needed.

Join BDO and Jenner & Block to analyze top issues affecting government contractors in the new government fiscal year. Topics include developments affecting government contractors, key industry changes, the Section 889 national security exclusions; and COVID-related impacts. Presenters: Aaron Raddock and David Robbins.

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## **Stay Connected**

**NEW Facebook Group:** [https://www.facebook.com/pg/ncmastl/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ncmastl/posts/?ref=page_internal)

### ***Follow the Chapter on LinkedIn***

Upcoming events are posted on the LinkedIn page - [click here](#) and click the follow button.

### ***NCMA Collaborate***

NCMA has a forum available to members as a networking tool to help you connect with thousands of members. This forum helps get questions answered on all things contract management. Click [here](#).

### ***Volunteer on a Chapter Committee***

Behind every great chapter are hardworking committees! Volunteering is a great way to get involved at the local level. Reply to this email ([ncmastl@gmail.com](mailto:ncmastl@gmail.com)) to find out more.

## **Join NCMA**

There are 100+ chapters in the country. To join the St. Louis Gateway Chapter, first join NCMA and then select St. Louis Gateway as your chapter. [Click here for more information about joining NCMA.](#)

**Questions or Comments? Email [ncmastl@gmail.com](mailto:ncmastl@gmail.com)**

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## **Share This Newsletter**

We want to expand our membership base! The more members we have the more information and networking opportunities we have. The St. Louis Gateway Chapter of the NCMA is one of 100+ chapters in the country. To be a part of the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of the NCMA all you have to do is join the NCMA and mark down St. Louis Gateway as your Chapter.

The chapter adds value by providing opportunities to members for networking, information on the profession, and educational forums that lead to career enhancement, in a local setting, tailored to local needs. Become an active part of a contract management community!

## **NCMA Links:**

- [Contract Management Magazine](#) – Monthly subscription and online access to articles
- [Collaborate](#) - NCMA Online Forum
- [Education Conferences](#) – Attend one of NCMA's annual education conferences
- [Professional Certifications](#) – Earn your CPCM, CFCM, or CCCM
- [E-Courses](#) – Education at your fingertips
- [National Education Seminars](#) (NES) – An intensive one-day seminars for CPEs
- [Webinars](#) – 90-minute web-based seminars for CPEs
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