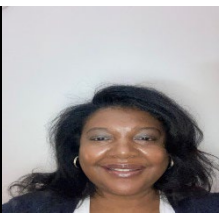




GATEWAY CHAPTER SPRING/SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Announcement



As this program year ends, I would like to recognize Chapter Officers, members, donors, and friends who contributed to the Gateway Chapters successes. Over the last year, we have accomplished so much together, including our promise to rebuild, refocus and reconnect with our membership. Gateway Chapter Officers went above and beyond their role, helping us to connect with all of you. NCMA

Gateway St Louis is committed to the development and advancement of Contracting professionals through serving our community, inspiring collaboration, diversity, training and leadership. Program Year 2023 was an exciting year that was filled with great accomplishments and wonderful memories. Read on for PY2023 highlights as well as news on upcoming NCMA training and events.

With summer just around the corner, we offer our thanks and gratitude and hope to see you in an upcoming event soon!

*Carolyn Brasfield, Chapter President
Program Year 2023*

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Program Year 2023 in Review

The Program Year started in July 2022. Monthly Chapter meetings continued on Zoom for Program Year 2023.

World Congress 2022 was held July 16-21 in Chicago, IL. Chapter Officers, Carolyn Brasfield, Suzanne Sontag, Joyce



Colvin, and Laurinda Hardy attended. It was amazing and worth it! The best part of this event was that it gave Officers exposure to the newest information from professional leaders. Attending this event allowed attendees to be in the moment as they networked with speakers, vendors, national leaders, and other attendees.

On October 25th, a free live webinar was hosted with article authors of the CM article, "The 10 Worst Leadership Mistakes" with live speakers Richard J. Anzelone, CPCM, CFCM, CCCM, Fellow, C.P.M. and Jay M. McCulloch, CPCM, CFCM, Fellow. The engaging presentation was highly attended with multiple requests to bring these speakers back for an encore performance.

In December, the Chapter participated in a community outreach event to support Provident and Mary Ryder Home. This event was to help Sponsor a Resident at Mary Ryder Home holiday dinner.



Chapter participation impacted over 10 residents with donations of over \$500 for holiday gifts and the holiday meal.

The annual Officer's Retreat was held in person for the first time in 2 years. After weather related delays, the Holiday Social and Program Year Kickoff were combined and hosted at the AmeriSports Bar & Grill. The New Year Social & Networking Event, hosted Thurs. 1/19, allowed new and prospective members to meet Chapter Officers, learn more about Chapter activities and enjoy games and an appetizer buffet



In March, The Chapter hosted a Certification Information Session lead by Milva Finnegan, PhD, CPCM, CCCM, CFCM, Fellow, Contract Manager with guest speakers Jody Leon and Brie Staker the HQ certification program leads and Kristi Russell, manager. This information session provided a general overview of four different certifications, the pre-requisites and process to get certified.

KPMG commercial contacts, who recently completed the NCMA HQ CPCM preparation class. The live speakers answered questions about the certification process and offered advice to those seeking certification.

In March 2023, NCMA HQ awarded grant funding to the Gateway chapter for a membership recognition event. Due to a delay in receiving grant funding, the membership recognition event is being planned to take place in PY24 during the month of September. The event will be in person by RSVP only. Look for more information on this and other events in the coming months.

The Chapter also held a free HQ webinar on March 30 on Subcontractor Flowdowns and on April 20 on Contending with Ant-Corruption and Compliance Risks. Both Webinars were 90 minute training led by industry leaders, offering attendees 1.5 CPEs.

In May, a one-day in person training was held at Thompson-Coburn



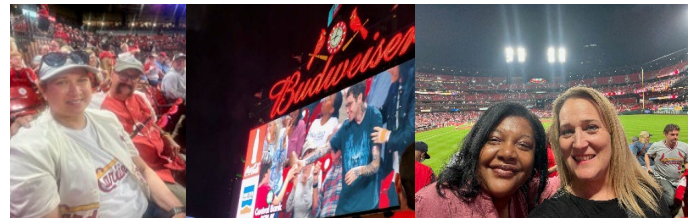
LLP. The one-day training was jointly

sponsored by the Gateway and Scott AFB Chapters on May 15, 2023 on the topic: Contract Compliance.

The Training was kicked off with opening remarks from David Cade, Vice President U.S. Government Services, The Boeing Company. Professional speaker Dina L. Pinkston, Supervisory Contract Specialist, DCMA provided excellent facilitation for learning and interaction among the participants, making the training a huge success!

This training was a hybrid event, with in person and Zoom attendees from Government, Industry from various parts of the country. This was the first in person one-day training (formerly called NES) in over 3 years as the 2020 training was cancelled due to COVID and the following years were virtual only.

Attendees also had the option to attend a Cardinals Baseball Game for additional networking. It was a memorable baseball game with the Cardinal's scoring 18 runs!



The two chapters give a big thank you to Thompson Coburn LLP, NCMA HQ, Ms. Dina Pinkston, Supervisory Contract Specialist, DCMA and Mr. David Cade, Vice President U.S. Government Services, The Boeing Company.

Program Year 2024 Officer Elections

Elections of Officers were held in May. Thank you to outgoing Officers: Joyce Colvin, Clarissa Cobb-Fritz, Kelly Evers and Jon Frick. Your diligence and self-discipline are an inspiration to us all. Thank you for your hard work!

Congratulations to the Program Year 2024 (PY24) St. Louis Gateway Chapter Officers! We look forward to an exciting 2024 program year!

- President - Suzanne Sontag
- Vice President - Carolyn Brasfield
- Treasurer - Victoria Reed
- Secretary - Tawanda Schultz
- VP Certification - Milva Finnegan
- VP Certification Co-Chair - Jay McCulloch
- VP Excellence Award - Merri Jeffries
- VP Marketing - Laurinda Hardy
- VP Membership - Nikki Smith
- VP NES - Joseph Hemann
- VP Programs - Steven Howard
- VP Social Media - Dina Pinkston
- VP Webmaster - Christina Kale

PY23 At The National Level

CMS Adoption and Academic Outreach

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approved NCMA's Contract Management Standard (CMS)[™] Third Edition and those updates were made to the Contract Management Body of Knowledge (CMBOK), NCMA training programs, and the CCMA and CPCM[™] credentials.

Learning, Events, and Engagement

HQ worked to explore ways to meet the changing needs in this post-pandemic, remote-work environment by increasing virtual learning opportunities.

For day-to-day connection and quick learning options, your PY23 Membership Engagement Committee conceived of a new initiative called "I'm In." The "I'm In" initiative will continue to find ways for members to engage and collaborate while expanding virtual and in-person professional networks.

Reconstituted Contract Management Institute

Board approval was received to reconstitute the Contract Management Institute (CMI). The CMI vision is to be recognized for professional research and affiliations to promote the contract management profession and standards.

The Plan to Grow

The Board has developed a Program Year 2024-2026 Strategic Plan to power our community forward with a PY24 theme of "Grow." This plan will encourage growth by adoption of and appreciation for our common language as reflected in our CMS[™], CMBOK, and CCMA.

NCMA CM Latest News

Leidos Becomes First Major Prime Contractor to Adopt NCMA Contract Management Standard

A NCMA [press release](#) announced that Leidos (NYSE: LDOS), a FORTUNE[®] 500 science and technology leader, announced, on June 1, 2023, its intent to adopt the National Contract Management Association's (NCMA) Contract Management Standard[™] (CMS[™]). By adopting this standard, Leidos will align its workforce competency with the standard recently adopted by the federal government and institutions of higher education. With this adoption, Leidos builds on its long-standing commitment to strong customer relationships through standards of professional conduct and common understanding. The company is committed to developing the contract management profession as a meaningful and rewarding career path. This will support practitioners across industry and government who serve the federal mission. Leidos believes that the CMS framework, will allow our tradecraft to be incorporated under one common standard, elevating both federal and industry contract management professionals who are critical to our nation's success. NCMA Chief Executive Officer Kraig Conrad, stated "NCMA is pleased to have Leidos join the growing community of CMS[™] adopters dedicated to building a stronger bridge between industry and government." "This adoption reinforces Leidos' commitment to the profession; their contract management teams and the missions we serve together." Contact Holly DeHesa, Director of Marketing and Communications at (571) 382-1111 or email: holly.dehesa@ncmahq.org for more information.

Stay Connected

Volunteer on a Chapter Committee

There is no time like the present to get more involved with the Gateway Chapter. Behind every great chapter are hardworking committees! Volunteering is a great way to get involved at the local level. The STL Gateway Chapter is looking for volunteers to serve on the planning committees to assist with program year activities or to help at an upcoming event. The new Program Year 2024 (PY24) begins July 1 and we hope that you are inspired to get involved. Contact the Chapter at ncmastl@gmail.com to find out more.

Member Spotlight

Be the next member spotlight! If you'd like to stand in the spotlight for just a few of the great things you're doing, email 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.

Connect with the Gateway Chapter

Chapter Twitter at <https://twitter.com/NcmaStl/>

Chapter Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/ncmastl/>

Chapter Facebook

Group: https://www.facebook.com/pg/ncmastl/posts/?ref=page_internal

Chapter on LinkedIn: Upcoming events on LinkedIn - [click here](#) and click the follow button.

NCMA STL Gateway Chapter Upcoming Events

June 21 - Program Year End Celebration

A celebration of the Program Year 2023 (PY23) and any new certifications is scheduled for June 21st from 4-7pm at Syberg's St. Peters at Mid Rivers. Both members and non-members are welcome to come together and celebrate. There will be appetizers and give-a-ways. Happy Hour beverage specials are from 4-6pm for purchase. RSVP is requested at Email ncmastl@gmail.com.

10% Off NCMA HQ June 22 FAR/DFARS Mid-Year Update 2023



Gateway Chapter members can use the code for a 10% discount on their purchase of this must attend live HQ webinar. Register to join the webinar for updates on changes to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), and other regulations. Use the discount code "Gateway23" for a 10% discount on your registration for the June 22, 2023 webinar. The 90 minutes live webinar is on June 22 from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Central.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the most significant changes to the FAR/DFARS in the last several months.
- Evaluate new risks and obligations for your organization.
- Prepare for what's next on the horizon.

This training is conducted through [My Virtual Training](#) and presented via Zoom

September 2023 - Annual Member Celebration - TBA



Come celebrate with Chapter Leader, Fellows, and fellow members at the 2023 Member Celebration. Enjoy an evening of dinner, networking and music. Stay tuned for more information on when the Chapter will be hosting this celebration event!

NCMA HQ Upcoming Events

June 13 GSA Virtual Contract Specialist Career Fair

On June 13 from 11:00 to 3:00 PM central, the General Services Administration (GSA) will be hosting a Contract Specialist Virtual Career Fair. This virtual career event will cater to experienced contract specialists. Email the event point of contact: Andrew Van Den Hoek, GSA National Recruitment Center at andrew.vandenhoeck@gsa.gov or register at the link below:

<https://www.careereco.com/Fair/EventDetails?fairId=41194c32-3fea-40d5-ac5e-aff0010ff261>

July 23-26 World Congress



The nation's leading training event for contract management, procurement, and acquisition professionals is being held July 23-26 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. This year World Congress will feature over 100 sessions. Choose from 100+ sessions on the latest trends and best practices in contracting, acquisition, and procurement. Participate in interactive workshops and gain practical skills. Connect and network with fellow professionals.

July 25 Annual Membership Meeting

The state of the association will be held July 25 at World Congress in Nashville. Visit www.ncmahq.org to register for in-person or virtual participation.

November 6-7 Government Contract Management Symposium (GCMS)



This year's Government Contract Management Symposium (GCMS): Strong Foundation, Endless Opportunities, is a must-attend event for contract management professionals to learn, connect and solve our big challenges together! Mark your calendars, November 6-7, 2023. The Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center has been selected as hotel and conference venue for this program.