



### **2023 Fall/Winter Chapter Newsletter**

The Gateway Chapter Fall/Winter Newsletter includes both local Chapter and NCMA HQ news. Read on for upcoming events, member spotlights and a spotlight featuring Chapter Officer Dina Pinkston. Have a safe holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

### **Fall 2023 Program in Review**

The Program Year 24 (PY24) started 01 July and the annual Officers Retreat was in person at Dave and Buster's. The President and Officers worked to set the PY24 strategy and the annual programming plan. On September 8th, the Gateway Chapter celebrated Members and the Chapter's 57th Anniversary at the City Museum. Many members, retired members and Fellows joined the event. The key note speaker was **Jo Anne Hamilton Parks (STL), DCMA Deputy Commander and Director of Contracts** and the MC was Milva Finnegan, CPCM, CFCM, CCCM, Fellow, PhD. See more event and speaker photos in the [Gallery](#).



The Chapter also held a free HQ webinar in November on mid-year FAR and DFARS updates. Another [free webinar](#) is scheduled for January 18th on the topic, "Developing a Proposal that Survives Cost Analysis" being presented on Zoom. Coming up, the annual one day training (formerly the NES) is being planned for April 11, 2024. **Look for more events in the coming months!**

### **Member Spotlight on Dina Pinkston**

Dina Pinkston, NCMA Gateway Chapter VP of Social Media, was recently promoted from Supervisory Contract Specialist at DCMA Boeing St. Louis where she led a team responsible for contract administration services for 1,500 fixed and flexibly priced contracts valued at over \$9B to be the Foreign Military Sales Program Manager for Defense Contract Management Agency Headquarters. She will serve as a focal point for engagement with DoD Stakeholders and Foreign partners to provide continuous insight on FMS strategic programs and workload projections.



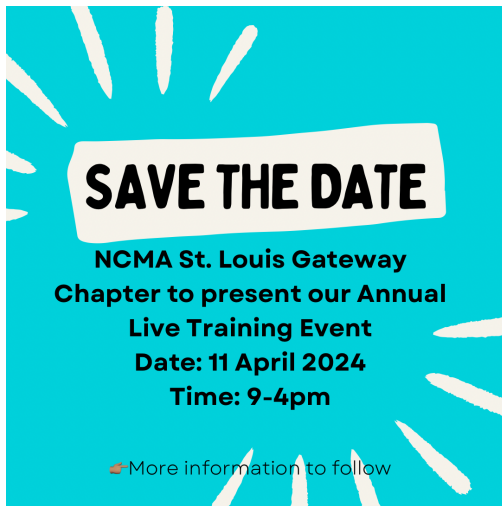
[Dina Pinkston]

As the chapters VP of Social Media, she's always looking for input from the chapter to share on our various platforms (LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and X). She can be reached at [ncmastl@gmail.com](mailto:ncmastl@gmail.com), Subject: ATTN Social Media.

## **Upcoming Chapter Events**

### **NCMA Chapter One Day Training April 11, 2024**

Save the date for the annual one day training (formerly the NES) coming this spring. More information on the dynamic national level speakers and engaging topics coming soon. Training is open to members and non-members. We look forward to seeing you at the training!



## Free NCMA Webinar January 18, 2024

Join the Gateway Chapter for this session that will focus on the best practices that industry leaders employ to streamline the process and achieve faster awards with fewer risks of unsupported costs. NCMA HQ recorded this training on 07/11/19. Presented on Zoom. 90 minutes | 1.5 CPE/CLP | FREE to members and non-members

[Register online at EventCreate.](#)

A registration card for a webinar. At the top left is the NCMA logo (National Contract Management Association) and "SAINT LOUIS GATEWAY". The main title is "Developing a Proposal that Survives Cost Analysis" in white text over a city skyline background. Below the title, it says "Moderator: Chapter Officer Steven Howard" and "Presenters: Robert Jones and Patrick Mathern". The date is "JANUARY 18, 2024" and the time is "11:30AM-1:00PM CST". A blue banner says "ZOOM CALL". Below that, it says "REGISTER NOW" and lists details: "90 minute pre-recorded webinar", "ncmast@gmail.com", and "1.5 CPE/CLP". On the right, under "SESSION INFO", it says "Join the Saint Louis Gateway Chapter of NCMA for this pre-recorded session\* that will focus on the best practices that industry leaders employ to streamline the process and achieve faster awards with fewer risks of unsupported costs." followed by three numbered points: "1. Utilize a compliance matrix to develop proposals", "2. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the basis of estimate (BOE)", and "3. Assess the adequacy of supporting documentation." Below this, it says "\*This pre-recorded training is presented via Zoom." and "COST - FREE" and "Open to members and non-members. Valued at: \$55 Member/ \$69 Non-Member". At the bottom left is "www.ncma-stl.org" and at the bottom right is "NCMA ST. LOUIS".

## NCMA HQ News

### NCMA's NEW Conference Nexus Registration Open

The new conference will be March 3-6, 2024 and will be in Jacksonville, FL to convene the entire acquisition team to support our mission to advance contract

management's nexus with related acquisition communities.

Check out the [agenda](#), registration and other information and [event website](#).

**When:** March 3-6, 2024

**Where:** Jacksonville, FL

## Upcoming NCMA HQ Webinar Training

[Click for more HQ webinar events](#)

### Live NCMA Webinars

[NDAA 2024:Need-to-Know Provisions for Government Contractors](#)

#### **FREE TO MEMBERS!**

This training will focus on the key provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 that will impact government contractors.

Self-Paced Virtual Training for 60 minutes. Attendees earn 1.0

CPE/CLP. [Register online](#).

Price: \$0 Regular, New Professional, Retired, and Student Member / \$37

Affiliate Member /\$47 Non-Member

**When:** January 16, 2024

## Register for NCMA U.S. Federal Contracting Fundamentals

Register for NCMA's latest learning resource – Certificate Courses, a 10 hour live, multi-day, virtual learning. Come away with a deeper understanding, along with a digital badge for your LinkedIn profile.

[U.S. Federal Contracting Fundamentals: Winter 2024](#)

#### **Schedule:**

- **Day 1: Monday, January 29: US Federal Acquisition System and Rules**
- **Day 2: Tuesday, January 30: How U.S. Federal Contracts are Made**
- **Day 3: Wednesday, January 31: U.S. Federal Cost and Price Analysis**
- **Day 4: Thursday, February 1: Hot Topics in U.S. Federal Contracting**

**Next Session: January 29th - February 1, 2024 | From 2:00-4:30pm EST Each Day**

#### **Course Details**

**Notices:** This is a 4-day virtual event (via Zoom) and you must attend all days to receive credit.

**Credits:** 10.0 CPE/CLP

**Cost:** \$936 NCMA member / \$1,194 non-member

**Group Registration:**

Large registrations are eligible for a discount. Discounts only apply to registrations in the same class.

- 5-9 Registrants = 5% Discount
- 10-49 Registrants = 10% Discount
- 50-99 Registrants = 15% Discount
- 100+ Registrants = 20% Discount

Contact NCMA HQ [memberservices@ncmahq.org](mailto:memberservices@ncmahq.org) to register a group.

[Reserve Your Seat!](#)

[Upcoming Webinars](#)

[Jan 16 - NDAA 2024:Need-to-Know Provisions for Government Contractors - Free to All](#)

[Jan 25 - Unlocking the Secrets of Small Business Financing](#)

## **Other Training**

### **Thompson Coburn LLP**

Thompson Coburn offers free webinar recordings are available at: <https://www.thompsoncoburn.com/insights/tcle/presentation/library>

### **Thompson Coburn Six Part Series**

Thompson Coburn's Business Litigation Webinar Series is designed to keep in-house counsel and their legal staff updated on the latest litigation trends which can impact your business. Select one or more of the following remaining webcasts. [Register here.](#)

[2022 Business Litigation Webinar Series - 2022 Litigation Update May 12, 2022, 11:30 AM CDT](#)

[2022 Business Litigation Webinar Series - How to End a Business Relationship Without Litigating May 12, 2022, 01:00 PM CDT](#)

[2022 Business Litigation Webinar Series - Defending Class Actions June 01, 2022, 11:30 AM CDT](#)

[2022 Business Litigation Webinar Series - Ethics – Corporate Client Privilege June 01, 2022, 01:00 PM CDT](#)

### **PCI Institute**

Public Contracting Institute advertised the below free webinars which can viewed free by typing **NoCreditFree** in the Discount Code box and selecting APPLY (example below). More info at:

<https://publiccontractinginstitute.com/premier-series-and-academies/free-popular-topics-webinar-series/>.

## **Share This Newsletter**

### **We want to expand our membership base!**

The more members we have the more information and networking opportunities we have. 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!

### **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](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.

## **Stay Connected**

Check out the latest issue of [Contract Management magazine](#), and catch up on previous issues.

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

**Chapter Webpage:** <http://ncma-stl.org/>

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

**NCMA LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/mwlite/feed/hashtag/ncma>

**NCMA Collaborate**

NCMA has a forum available to members as a networking tool to help you connect with thousands of members. 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.

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

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