



Dear Chapter Members

Beginning this past summer, your newly elected Board of Directors and many chapter volunteers set out to bring you a world class NCMA chapter by developing and improving upon our suite of service offerings. This letter serves to outline our progress and solicit your input.

Training

To begin with, we wanted to augment and improve upon our past training offerings. The new Basic Contracting Series II kicked off in early November 2009 at the Westin Tysons Corner Hotel. More information on this newly developed eight (8) part series can be obtained by clicking our Training link from the main page our website. The Intermediate Contracting Series you requested is under development and will roll out in late January 2010. This offering explores in greater depth many of topics that were introduced in the Basic Contracting Series I & II. The Intermediate Series will be offered in Tysons Corner and Reston, specific dates are forthcoming. Please click on the Intermediate Contracting Course Series I link from our home page for additional information on this offering. Lastly, our Basic Contracting Series I has been updated and is currently offered in Reston and McLean. Further information on this series can also be found under our training link.

Seminars:

We have 8 Seminars planned this year to include: CPSR, Risks and Issues in FFP Contracting, Federal Investigations: How the Government uses your Data to Investigate and Prosecute Cases, and Non-displacement of Qualified Workers in Service Contracting, just to name a few. Please click on our Seminars link from the main page of this website for updated information on these seminars.

The Tysons Corner Chapter will also sponsor a National Educational Seminar entitled Risk Management for Complex U.S. Government Contracts & Projects on April 6, 2010. Our website will be updated and you'll receive further information on this event during February and March of 2010.

Certification:

We've planned 3 Study Groups this program year. The Fall/Winter Certified Federal Contract Management (CFCM) Study Group is currently underway. There are over 90 class participants enrolled and we have been receiving excellent reports on the content and quality of this study group. Beginning January 2010, we will be offering not only the CFCM Study Group Session, but the Certified Professional Contract Manager (CPCM) Study Group as well. Please click on Certification on the main page of this website to receive the most current updates on certification study groups.

Monthly Chapter Meetings:

Our Monthly Hot Topics and Informational Seminars continue to be a great success. In addition to the exceptional speakers we engage for these events, many our members come to network and explore possible career opportunities. Please go to Chapter Meetings link from the main page of this website to learn more about our Membership Meetings

Chapter Resources:

The Tysons Chapter offers a Mentoring Program, a Careers webpage for those seeking job opportunities and a new Scholarship program. Please follow the link entitled Chapter Resources for additional information on these topics

Fellows:

For those of you interested in achieving NCMA's 3rd highest award, "The Fellows Award" please visit our link on the main page entitled Fellows for contact and support resources to assist you in completing your application.

New Offerings:

We held our first of 3 "Career Night" events on October 27, 2009. Over 100 job seekers came to meet with an estimated 15 firms from the Washington Metropolitan area. Additional Career Nights are planned to take place on January 26, 2010 and April 27, 2010.

We are also exploring locations in Reston, Va. to conduct networking events. These events will offer light appetizers, beverages and provide members with an opportunity to meet their fellow colleagues in the Contracting field as well as employers seeking to bring on-board new talent. The Board is planning at least 2 or 3 of these events beginning February 2010.

Lastly, I am proud to represent this Award Winning Chapter and now take this opportunity to thank a very dedicated Board of Directors and the many Chapter volunteers who are responsible for bringing the NCMA community the above best in class services. We'll continue to send out surveys to obtain your input on the offerings we provide. However, I encourage you to contact me directly should you ever have any questions, suggestions, or concerns. I can be reached at (703) 947-1057 or by email at thomas.e.ringwood@accenture.com.

Respectfully,



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