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| chapter leaders Meet our officers Anthony Carlisi, President  Danielle Carr, Vice President  Cindy Morgan, Secretary  Renee Hill, Treasurer  Lori Sakalos, Vice President of Programs | excom members    Anthony Carlisi, Fellows Chair  Warren Edwards, Publicity Chair & Protocol Chair  Rosenda McCook, Membership Chair  David Lawson, Social Media Chair  Blenda Perez, Program Chair & CFCM Chair  Danielle Carr, Sponsorships  Lori Saka, Vice President of Programs  Rosenda McCook, Membership Chair | excom members  Yolanda McCray, Hospitality Chair  Derek Greene, Operations Chair  Cindy Morgan, Newsletter Chair  Open, Newsletter Assistant  Open, Events Photographer / Reviewer of Treasurer records  Rene Edwards – EXCOM Member  Lori Saka, Vice President of Programs  Rosenda McCook, Membership Chair |
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| Group of friends at a rooftop party | **“INSIDE THIS EDITION!”** A Message from the President  NCMA November Dinner Meeting  Upcoming Events  Membership Spotlight  News Items  Professional Development  Chapter Officers & Committee Chairs NCMA Bethesda NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING November 8th, 2023 - 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm  “That’s Amore Grill”  15201 Shady Grove Rd, Rockville, MD 20850 |

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| Benefits of our Chapter Make Industry Connections  Peer Networking  Training  Events  JOIN HERE: [NCMA Bethesda](https://www.ncmabethesda.org/why-join/) |  |
| Our October meeting: The NCMA Bethesda Chapter Dinner Meeting was held on October 26th. This event featured *Ms. Darnese Wilkerson*, Director of the Office of Acquisitions (OA) within the Office of Logistics and Acquisitions Operations (OLAO) for the Office of the Director at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), *Diane Sidebottom*, Director of Acquisition and Contracts for the Office of Advanced Research Projects with the Agency for Health (ARPA-H) and *Benjamin Bryant*, Deputy Head of Contracting Activity at ARPA-H. The NIH / ARPA-H shared perspectives across our profession. This event was held at our new venue, "That's Amore Grill," in Rockville, MD. Message from the presidentWelcome to Program Year 2024! Our NCMA Bethesda Chapter Kickoff Networking Event was held on July 13th at the Stanford Grill. This successful networking event, with no agenda or speakers, allowed individuals the opportunity to simply mingle in a casual setting, enjoy appetizers, meet Chapter leaders, and speak with NCMA members and non-members about “all things contracts and NCMA.”  A blue text on a black background  Description automatically generated |  |
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| **BETHESDA CHAPTER**  **Virtual Training**  November 15th, 2023 – “Missed Opportunities, Sustainable Acquisitions with CAPT Leo Gumapas (HHS) and David Gill (IRS).  January 24th, 2024 – “Improving Acquisitions by Highlighting COFC and GAO Cases” with Jessica Tillipman, Associate Dean for Government Procurement Law Studies at George Washington University. DINNER MEETING December – No meeting.  **UPCOMING EVENTS!**  NCMA HQ  The [Government Contract Management Symposium (GCMS)](https://ncmahq.org/Web/Web/Events/Government-Contract-Management-Symposium.aspx) 2023 will be held on November 6th - 7th, 2023 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, MD. Visit the [GCMS website](https://ncmahq.org/Web/Web/Events/Government-Contract-Management-Symposium.aspx) for more information.  The NCMA NEXUS Conference will be held on March 3rd – 6th, 2024 in Jacksonville, FL. Visit [ncmahq.org](https://www.ncmahq.org/nexus) for more information.  The NCMA World Congress will be held on July 21st – 24th, 2024 in Seattle, WA. Visit [ncmahq.org](https://ncmahq.org/Web/Web/Events/World-Congress.aspx) for more information.  As always, I invite and strongly encourage everyone (members, non-members, government employees, private sector employees, employed or unemployed) to participate in all the programs and events the Bethesda Chapter has to offer.  I look forward to meeting and speaking with everyone throughout the program year. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me or any Bethesda Chapter leaders if you have any questions, ideas, or comments.  Anthony Carlisi, President, NCMA Bethesda Chapter  Register h15201 Shady Grove Rd, Rockville, MD 20850ere: UPCOMING EVENTS![NCMA Program Year Kickoff and Netwohttps://www.google.com/maps/place/That's+Amore+Restaurant/@39.1053113,-77.1897651,15z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x89b7cd54321115ef:0xdad86a4ca68d5699!8m2!3d39.1053113!4d-77.1897651!16s%2Fg%2F1vyn4rdq?entry=tturking Reception — NCMA DC Chapter](https://ncmadc.org/events-1/ncma-program-year-kickoff-and-networking-reception) |



## NCMA NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

Our November Dinner Meeting will be held on November 8th at “That’s Amore Grill” in Rockville, MD. November’s dinner meeting will feature *Andrea Brandon*, Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Budget, Finance, Grants, and Acquisition at the Department of Interior. She will discuss “Innovating the Acquisition Lifecycle with Emerging Technologies.”

November’s dinner meeting will offer so much value surrounding innovative acquisition technology, not to mention a Certificate of Attendance for 1.5 CLPs. Details on how to register will be sent in a separate email.

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## NEWS ITEMS

**MEMBER HIGHLIGHT:** Lori Sakalos, Vice President of Programs, Bethesda Chapter has 28 years of federal service!! GO LORI! CONGRATULATIONS!!

## Professional Development

CERTIFICATION OFFERINGS

**The Bethesda Chapter is looking to commence a Certified Federal Contract Manger™ (CFCM™) study group in 2024.** If interested, please email [president@ncmabethesda.org](mailto:president@ncmabethesda.org). Attaining professional certification in Contract Management will distinguish you as a subject matter expert while boosting your own performance and enhancing the profession as a whole. Choose the program that best suits your experience and career goals. Each certification has its own benefits. Visit [NCMA.org](https://www.ncmahq.org/Web/Web/Certification/Certification-Process---Application.aspx?hkey=bc512f5a-5f02-4b4f-b417-e6846225268b) for more information.

* Certified Federal Contract Manager™ (CFCM™) - A certification that is awarded to those with demonstrated proficiency in the knowledge of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).
* Certified Professional Contract Manager™ (CPCM™) - A certification that is awarded to those with demonstrated proficiency in the knowledge of the competencies in the Contract Management Body of Knowledge® (CMBOK®).
* Certified Commercial Contract Manager™ (CCCM™) - A certification that is awarded to those with demonstrated proficiency in the knowledge of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC).
* Certified Contract Management Associate (CCMA) - An entry-level certification that is awarded to those with demonstrated proficiency in the knowledge of the Contract Management Standard™.

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Stephanie Aqquah 9/13/2023 Gaurav Gopal 8/8/2023

Kimberly Kempa 8/1/2023

The NCMA Bethesda Chapter would like to welcome cand congratulate new members and recognizes tenured members for their continued support and dedication over the course of their membership with the NCMA Bethesda Chapter.

**MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT**



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