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A Message From The Executive Vice President

Carol MacInnis



Dear Columbia Basin Members,

The spring has arrived and we're moving full speed ahead with some exciting events for the Chapter! As the Executive Vice President for 2012-13, I'm very excited to be part of such a dynamic and active NCMA Chapter. We have a dedicated Board that is working hard to have made this a year full of new ideas with alternate venues, speakers, and more seminars than in years past.

I'm a Richland native, graduate of WSU (as Cougs are the BEST), and studied at Whitworth College for my master's degree. I have had a diverse career primarily at the Hanford Site, working in plant operations, human resources, and ultimately contracts.

For those of you "old timers", I spent the first five years of my career at N Reactor with UNC Nuclear Industries. Those were the good old days! From there, I transitioned with Westinghouse for another 15 years. At the time, Westinghouse was the prime contractor for operation of the Hanford Site, prior to the split into multiple contractors. One of the most unique experiences I've had involved closing out the Westinghouse prime contract from 1996 – 2002. The diversity of work included a multi-million dollar False Claims Act legal action against the company, whistleblower litigation and trial, mediation in Washington D.C. with a major subcontractor, and the successful resolution of contract fee. From Westinghouse, I spent 5 ½ years at Bechtel working on the Waste Treatment Plant. My latest venture since March 2008 is with Battelle/PNNL as a Contracts Specialist in the Energy and Environment Directorate.

Our goal this year is to engage more members than ever in NCMA activities. The NCMA Contract Management magazine is just one tool that offers a plethora of information each month. Take a few minutes to check it out! Coming up on April 11, 2013 is a unique opportunity for our membership to spend a full day with Alan Rither! Registration is due by March 27, 2013; and the investment is \$200/member and \$300/nonmembers. This is training that we are so fortunate to have as Alan is a renowned government contracting advisor, speaker and author. Contact Monica Chavez at monica.chavez@pnnl.gov for registration details.

Stay tuned for announcements on upcoming monthly meetings and plan to join us as your schedule permits! We look forward to seeing new faces in the crowd!

~Carol

Recent news that you can use for contracting professionals

Whistleblower Protection Improvement Passes Congress

“Legislation to protect whistleblowers in federal agencies has passed both houses of Congress and is heading to President Obama’s desk for his signature. The Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act, which improves protections for federal employees who call attention to waste, fraud and abuse within their agencies, passed the Senate on Nov. 13. Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), the bill’s main sponsor, expressed his satisfaction at seeing the bill pass just before his planned retirement from the Senate in January.

‘I have worked on this legislation for over a decade, most recently as chairman of the federal workforce subcommittee, and I truly thank my colleagues for enacting this important legislation at this time,’ Akaka said in a written statement. The bill, introduced by Akaka in April 2011, had originally passed the Senate in May 2012. The House approved the bill with minor modifications in late September; the Senate then passed the revised measure by unanimous consent.

The bill clarifies that whistleblowers may disclose evidence of censorship of scientific or technical information under the same standards that apply to disclosures of other kinds of waste, fraud, and abuse, and codifies the anti-gag provision that has been part of every Transportation-Treasury Appropriations bill since 1988.

Read more about the bill at: http://fcw.com/articles/2012/11/14/whistleblower-protection.aspx?admgarea=TC_Management

With Counterfeit Components, Buyer Beware

“A [2012 study](#) by market research firm IHS found that more than 12 million counterfeit electronics and semiconductor components have entered the distribution chain since 2007, with 57 percent of all counterfeit parts obsolete or end-of-life components.

Many of these parts make their way into mission-critical industries, such as defense and aerospace, where a malfunctioning counterfeit part can mean the difference between life and death. Additional research from IHS noted that suppliers labeled by the US government as "high risk" are increasing their sales to federal agencies -- their presence in the government’s supply chain has soared by 63 percent over the past decade.

With the increase of counterfeit electronics in the distribution chain, it is clear that many of these high-risk suppliers are employing increasingly sophisticated techniques to pass off fake components, and many engineers and procurement professionals are unaware that they are being taken advantage of.

This article is the first in a series that examines the growing problem of counterfeit components in the electronics supply chain and how buyers can educate and protect themselves by recognizing fakes and dealing only with manufacturer-authorized distributors.”

Read more about counterfeits at: http://www.ebnonline.com/author.asp?section_id=2525&doc_id=259557

CM WEEK 2013– CELEBRATING CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

The NCMA (HQ) Board of Directors has declared the week of July 21– July 27, 2013 as “Contract Management Week” in honor and recognition of the thousands of contracting and procurement professionals in the profession today. CM Week will be held in conjunction with World Congress, 2013 in Nashville, TN and is a time dedicated to continued professional development, organizational focus, and personal recognition for the practice and practitioners of contract management.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES GO?

All membership fees are paid directly to NCMA-HQ. Our local chapter, Columbia Basin, does not receive any financial assistance or supplements from NCMA HQ during the year. NCMA Columbia Basin pays for its expenses through charitable donations, the volunteer time of the board of directors (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, etc) and/or any events hosted by the chapter in which there is a member copay. Learn more about what NCMA HQ uses the membership fee by checking out their membership benefits site at: <http://www.ncmahq.org/Membership/Content.cfm?ItemNumber=1000&navItemNumber=9948>

UPCOMING EVENT

Don't be shy...JOIN US!

Thursday, March 14th: Small Business Contracting

11:45am—1:00pm at Shilo Inn

Join us for our next general member's meeting with Mr. Andrew Wirkkala, the Procurement Director Of the Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office as he presents DOE's goals for small business prime contracts.

Visit <http://ncmacolumbiabasin.com/events.html> for all the event details and the rest of the events scheduled through June, 2013!



National Education Seminar: Risk Management for Complex U.S. Government Contracts and Projects

Presented by the
NCMA Columbia Basin Chapter

Earn 8 continuing education hours by attending this seminar!

Seminar Date: Thursday, April 11, 2013

Location: Shilo Inn – 50 Comstock Street, Richland, WA 99352

Registration
Deadline: Register by March 27, 2013

Duration: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Check-in: 7:30 a.m. (Registration & Continental Breakfast)

Registrar &
Information: Monica Chavez, monica.chavez@pnnl.gov, (509) 375-2158

NCMA Website: <http://ncmacolumbiabasin.com/index.html>

Cost: \$200 Member/ \$300 Non-Member
(includes continental breakfast and lunch)

About the Program: **Risk management**, the ability to efficiently and cost effectively mitigate potential problems, is fundamental to good business in both the public and private sectors.

This seminar provides a unique and comprehensive view of what it takes to successfully manage large, complex, high-technology **U.S. government contracts and projects**. Led by celebrated principal author Gregory A. Garrett, the contributing authors of the book of the same name are a team of 12 subject-matter experts. This one-of-a-kind seminar is loaded with process diagrams tools, techniques, and best practices to help acquisition professionals in both the U.S. government and industry improve business results. A must for everyone in the business of buying or selling complex products, systems, services, or integrated solutions to or for the U.S. government.

Key Learning Objectives:

- The common myths and best practices in managing risk on U.S. government contracts and projects;
- How to apply the ORM process to contracts and projects;
- How to use numerous tools and techniques to identify, analyze, and mitigate contract and project risk;
- The contractual, schedule, technical, and financial aspects of risk typically encountered when managing complex government contracts and projects;
- How to manage risk associated with government professional services contracts and projects; an
- How to use the Contract Management Risk and Opportunity Assessment Tool to improve business results

Every attendee will receive a copy of *Risk Management for Complex U.S. Government Contracts & Projects* and its accompanying workbook.



Risk Management for Complex U.S. Government Contracts and Projects

Speaker: Alan Rither, CPCM, Fellow



Alan Rither joined Battelle at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in 1973, shortly after graduating from the University of Washington law school. He began work in the Contracts Department, serving there twelve years. He became a Certified Professional Contracts Manager by the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) in 1976, and was elected a Fellow of the NCMA in 1997.

In 1985, he moved into the Legal Department where he now serves as an Assistant General Counsel. He provides legal advice on contractual matters, business ethics, export control, human subjects research, and a variety of national security issues.

He is co-founder and past national Chair of the Department of Energy's Export Control Coordinators Organization and Vice-Chair of PNNL's Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects Research. He is the past Chair of the International Practice Section of the Washington State Bar Association. He taught accredited courses on Government Contract Law for Columbia Basin College as an adjunct faculty member.

In addition to his professional activities, he is active and holds positions in the Alliance for the Advancement of Science through Astronomy (AASTA), the Richland Public Library Foundation, and other community organizations.



Risk Management for Complex U.S. Government Contracts and Projects

Presented by the

NCMA COLUMBIA BASIN CHAPTER

Date: April 11, 2013 - **Duration:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - **Check-in Time:** 7:30 a.m.

Register Now!	Location
E-mail: monica.chavez@pnnl.gov Subject line: NCMA Risk Management Registration April 2013 Mailing Address for Payments: NCMA Columbia Basin Chapter P. O. Box 711 Richland, WA 99352	Shilo Inn 50 Comstock Richland, WA 99352

Participant Information - Print Clearly

Name: _____ NCMA Member #: _____
 Title: _____
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 City: _____ State, Zip: _____
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 E-mail: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ EC Phone: _____
 Check here if you require special assistance or have special meal requirements Detail Needs:

Registration Fees (includes seminar materials and meals)

	Member Price	Non-Member Price
Registration Cost:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300.00

Payment Method

Check Enclosed: Payable to NCMA Check No.: _____
 Credit Card VISA MasterCard
 Total Charge: \$ _____ Security Code: _____
 Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____
 Full Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____
 Address, City State, Zip _____

Payment must be made at the time of registration. NCMA accepts MasterCard and Visa, and personal/company checks only. NCMA does not accept purchase orders or requests for invoicing. **Deadline for registration: March 27, 2013 (5:00 PM PST).** Each individual must complete a separate registration form.

Cancellations, Substitutions, and Requests for Refunds

All cancellations, substitutions, and requests for refunds must be submitted in writing or via email. Substitutions are welcome! Registrants who are unable to attend the training must e-mail their cancellation or refund request to the attention of NCMA and **Monica Chavez** at: Monica.chavez@pnnl.gov or (509) 375-2158 on or before **registration deadline of: March 27, 2013 at (5:00 PM PST).**

Notes: A \$50 administrative fee will be applied to all cancellations. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after March 27, 2013 (5:00 PM PT). **Refunds will not be issued for no-shows.** Additional inquiries, contact **Monica Chavez** at: monica.chavez@pnnl.gov, or (509) 375-2158

