

Learning How To Manage Government Contracts

(NAPSA)—Whether it's a matter of national defense, homeland security, agriculture, transportation or space exploration, the work of the government is increasingly being performed by outside contractors.

The federal government spends approximately \$388 billion on contracted goods and services every year, more than half of which is spent on services.

Relying on contractors allows agencies greater flexibility in hiring and staffing for various functions, augmenting teams where there is a shortage of government workers, and giving government managers access to needed skills and knowledge. But how do contracts professionals manage all of the deliverables and services when the work is being done at a faster pace than ever before?

All organizations, federal agencies, federal suppliers and commercial companies face challenges making sure that all contracts are fair, fully competitive and unbiased.

With issues such as organizational conflicts of interest, service contracting conflicts and resolutions, performance-based contracting and many more facing contract management professionals, training and networking with colleagues is vital just to stay on top of everyday production and partnerships.

Experts such as the professionals at the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) believe a contract manager's skills are developed through continuing education and practice.

To assist in this effort, NCMA is presenting its World Congress



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2007 on April 22 - 25 in Dallas, Texas, at the Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion. The event provides an opportunity to attend a number of educational programs and network with other professionals.

The conference will feature over 100 presentations on various aspects of the contract management profession. Workshops and forums will address a wide range of issues, including:

- Alternate Disputes Resolution
- Commercial Contracting
- Construction Contracting
- Contract Basics
- Defense Contracting
- Executive and Leadership
- Federal Contracting
- Small Business
- State and Local Contracting.

NCMA is a membership-based, professional society representing the contract management profession.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.ncmahq.org.