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PRESIDENT'S CORNER WITH MATT GOMER



Hello NCMA Denver Members, "A contract is a substitute for trust", was the opening

line of the November negotiations seminar. In my opinion, it is a very interesting and accurate perspective. I found myself pondering the stories that we have all heard from the "good ol' days". You know, the ones about business transactions being made with a smile and a handshake. I commend Richard and John for putting together a fantastic presentation filled with countless practical tips; all of which are now stored

in my toolbox, and presumably yours. The evening was filled with great networking opportunities. I was excited to meet several new faces as well as speak to some interested CMLDP candidates.

I also had the great pleasure of kicking off our meeting by recognizing Randy Ellis with a 30 year anniversary certificate. Congratulations Randy and THANK YOU for your continued support of the Denver Chapter of NCMA.

Up next is our highly anticipated holiday party on December, 13th at Fogo de Chao!!! Truth be told, this is probably my favorite event all year. I am kind of partial to the holiday party

because it was the first NCMA Denver chapter event that I ever attended. I met so many friendly people that I am now honored to call friends. Maybe it was the holiday spirit, but I immediately felt welcomed and knew I wanted to be a part of this remarkable association. Please, join us at Fogo de Chao for some holiday cheer, good laughs and of course the great White Elephant tradition!!!

There is so much that goes into hosting our Denver chapter events. I cannot express enough thanks and gratitude to all of our hard working volunteers and members that make our chapter so great!! See you at the holiday party!!!

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TIME FOR A CHANGE?

Have you checked out the Jobs page on the NCMA HQ website? Go to <http://www.ncmajobs.com/search.cfm>. You can search jobs, post your resume, or search job seekers if you're wanting to fill positions.



DID YOU KNOW....

The first artificial Christmas trees were made of goose feathers that were dyed green in Germany.

www.christmas-celebrations.com/triva.htm



UPCOMING NCMA MEETINGS

Annual Holiday Party: December 13, 2011, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Fogo de Chão

Please join us the evening of December 13, 2011, for this year's holiday/volunteer recognition party at Fogo de Chão (Brazilian Steakhouse). Spouses/guests are welcome. After dinner, as is a Chapter holiday tradition, Stacey Gustus will don the Santa hat and host the lively white elephant gift exchange. To participate, bring one wrapped gift per person at a cost of approximately \$20 to \$25. Happy holidays! Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; gift exchange at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fogo de Chão, 1513 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO
Cost/reservation: general registration \$35; register by December 9, 2011, at <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=ctqdc>

How Internal Controls Can Help Improve Your Operations, Especially During Government Budget Drawdowns: January 19, 2012, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Overland Golf Course Bar & Grill

Speaker: Gary Frazer is a Certified Government Financial Manager with over 25 years of government financial management experience. He is an in-demand instructor for Manage-

ment Concepts' Federal Financial Management curriculum, conducting classes on subjects such as Internal Controls, the federal government budgeting process, funds certification, and Appropriation Law.

The current economic climate and rapidly shrinking operating budgets within which the federal government (indeed, government at all levels) will operate for the foreseeable future can present significant risks to agency mission accomplishment. This presentation's theme is that implementing even a basic internal control program can reduce those risks and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of government programs and help contribute to more cost effective processes. The presentation highlights the importance of implementing an internal control program within government entities, describes the overall internal control process, identifies the key building blocks of an effective internal control program, and discusses the many operational benefits garnered by implementing sound internal controls.

Why a meeting at a golf course? Colorado has lots of 60 degree days year round! To encourage participation from alumni, small and large business and government employees through a social sporting atmosphere, come out early (6:30 or 7:00 a.m.) to hit off the tee on the driving range for only \$3.00 per bucket of balls with rental clubs available or stay after the meeting for a round of golf. Networking at 7:30 a.m.; breakfast buffet beginning at 7:45 a.m.; speaker at 8:15 a.m.; conclusion at 9:00 a.m. Location: Overland Golf Course Bar & Grill, 1801 South Huron Street (Santa Fe and Evans), Denver, CO 80223
Cost/registration: \$16.00; register at <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=cthcr> by January 13, 2012

Avoiding Errors in Accounting and Reporting Under CAS, FAR and GAAP: February 14, 2012, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Braun's on Blake

Speaker: Karla Whittenburg is a certified public accountant. She is a partner in the audit service area of EKS&H and has been involved in public accounting since 1993. She provides audit and business consulting services to privately-held companies in a wide variety of industries, including government contractors, high-tech and software, retail, distribution, manufacturing and services.

The presentation will explore common errors encountered in external financial reporting under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). We will discuss the relationship between the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), and GAAP. Networking at 7:30 a.m.; breakfast buffet beginning at 7:45 a.m.; speaker at 8:15 a.m.; conclusion at 9:00 a.m. Location: Braun's on Blake, 2401 Blake Street, Denver, CO
Cost/registration: \$16.00; register at <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=cthck> by February 10 2012



Joseph Dorsey is our Scholarship chair. Let's get to know Joseph a little bit better.

BLS: Tell us a little about your background.

JD: I am a Colorado native, I was born and raised here. I grew up in the suburbs of Denver. I went to George Washington High School and graduated in 2004. After high school I decided to attend Mesa State College located in Grand Junction, CO. This school was perfect for me in that it, was small, had a great staff of instructors, and I was able to enjoy some of the best outdoor activities in Colorado. My major field of study was Political Science, which helped develop my love of politics, government, and public policy. After graduating college, I knew I wanted to pursue a career in the public sector. I truly enjoy the ability to serve the general public and help the taxpayer, so I decided to pursue my M.A in procurement and Acquisition Management. What sparked my interest in procurement and contracting was my fundamental love of the law, the interest I have always had in public policy, and the fact

that I always found the General Services Administration (GSA) and what they do in terms of procurement to be very interesting. The combination of these three things led me to my current career path as a Contract Specialist. I began working as a Contract Specialist about a year ago. I absolutely love what I do and couldn't think of a better career for myself. I enjoy all the people I work with and the hidden excitement that lies within the field of government contracting. As a contract specialist, I manage the contract/acquisition activities of GSA.

BLS: What made you decide to participate in the Denver NCMA Chapter? What do you hope to gain from your time with the Chapter?

JD: I decided to join the Denver NCMA chapter because one of my colleagues spoke to me about NCMA, what it does, and how I could participate. I thought everything that NCMA was about was in alignment with what I wanted to do in regards to my career. I joined NCMA because I wanted to be a part of an organization that could expand my knowledge about contracting, in both the public and private sector, and I wanted to be a part of something where I could meet and network with other contracting personnel.

BLS: What's your favorite thing about living in Colorado?

JD: One of my favorite things to do here in Colorado is to snowboard, I learned while I was in college in a snowboarding class. I love it and I am excited to say this year is the first year I have purchased a season pass. So expect to see me on the mountain on weekends!

BLS: What are your favorite hobbies?

JD: Some of my favorite hobbies include anything that has to do with the outdoors, I love to ride my bike, go hiking, and water rafting. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends and family.

BLS: We're heading into fall and winter. What are your favorite activities in these months?

JD: Fall and Winter are some of my favorite months to do activities. I love going up to the mountains and seeing the changing leaves in the fall. Enjoy a good cup of hot apple cider or going to a movie on a cool fall evening. It's the little things you have to enjoy. In the winter, love all the winter sporting activities of course, watching some football, and even just staying in a watching a movie on my own couch.

BLS: If you could vacation anywhere where would you go and why?

JD: As of right now, if I could vacation anywhere it would probably be Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). I would choose Dubai because

I am a bit of an architecture nut and I find the city of Dubai to be quite stunning in this aspect. And who wouldn't want to see something as impressive as the Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world?

BLS: What's your favorite movie?

JD: My favorite movie is *The Count of Monte Cristo* (2002), for some reason I can watch this movie over and over again without fail.

BLS: What toppings would be on your perfect pizza?

JD: Italian Sausage, Onions, Olives, Jalapeños, bell pepper, pepperoni, and light sauce.

BLS: What advice would you give to someone who is new to the contracting world and thinking about participating in NCMA?

JD: The advice I would give someone that is new to the contracting field and would like to participate in NCMA would be to just do it. Jump in and meet new people and experience something that is out of your comfort zone. I know from experience new things and adventures can be scary but NCMA has the potential to help you expand your understanding of your field and make you a better employee while helping you meet other people who might in turn help you think outside the box and find solutions you may have not of thought of before.

NCMA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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CERTIFICATION STUDY GROUP

Taylor Menlove, our Education Chair, is seeking input on individuals interested in participating in a chapter study group for NCMA's Certified Federal Contract Management (CFCM) or Certified Professional Contract Management (CPCM) programs. If there is sufficient interest, the chapter will sponsor a study group in early 2012. Please contact Taylor at 303-460-2256 or taylor.menlove@ball.com if you have any questions or are interested.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS!

NCMA is proud to provide students with the opportunity to participate in our scholarship program. Scholarships are available to new memberships and can cover dues and yearly expenses. This program encourages students to join NCMA and explore the new and exciting opportunities in the contract management profession. Our team will be happy to sit down with anyone interested in joining NCMA who would like information on our scholarship program. If you would like more information please contact one of our Scholarship Co-Chairs.

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