

Speaker and Participant Bios



Lieutenant Colonel Matthew A. Phelps, Commander DCMA Milwaukee MCWA

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew A. Phelps previously served with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Aviation in Richmond, Virginia where he was a Division Chief in the Strategic Acquisitions Directorate, helping to drive long term contract solutions for more than 1,800 major weapon systems through a \$3.5B strategic acquisition portfolio. LTC Phelps has held numerous command and staff positions during his 18 years in the Army.

As a Transportation Corps officer, he served in multiple capacities with the 46th Corps Support Group at Fort Bragg, NC, where he also deployed to Nicaragua in support of Hurricane Mitch relief efforts. He followed that tour as a company commander with the 3rd Corps

Support Command in both Germany and Iraq and later as the HHC Company Commander, 414th Base Support Battalion, Hanau, Germany.

LTC Phelps is a native of Tampa, Florida and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps through the United States Military Academy in 1996.

Jason Rathsack, Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) DCMA Milwaukee MCWA

Mr. Jason Rathsack serves as an ACO for DCMA Milwaukee. DCMA Milwaukee is responsible for contract administration of approximately 1,500 active Department of Defense (DoD) contracts in Wisconsin, Northern Indiana, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. DCMA is the DoD component that works directly with Defense suppliers to help ensure that DoD, Federal, and allied government supplies and services are delivered on time, at projected cost, and meet all performance requirements. Mr. Rathsack previously served as a Contract Price/Cost Analyst with DCMA Chicago providing direct support to DoD contracting officers in review and recommendations associated with proposal analyses, review of contractor business systems, cost accounting standards, and incurred cost disputes.

Prior to serving DCMA, Mr. Rathsack performed cradle to grave contract specialist duties for the US Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), and the US Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA). Mr. Rathsack is an active member of NCMA and has served on the NCMA WI Chapter Board for 5 years.



Wanda K. Bird, Small Business Specialist, Smith & Gesteland, LLP

Wanda has over 35 years of experience in general accounting including training and implementation of accounting software, preparation of interim and annual

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financial statements; payroll tax filings; income tax return preparation; and SBIR grants.

Wanda focuses on working with high-tech companies; both from the start-up stage and as companies grow. She assists clients with SBIR grant accounting needs including indirect cost calculations and budget presentation. She can also assist clients in setup and implementation of the accounting system to meet grant requirements.

Daryl Zahn - Manager, Contracts and Compliance DRS-Power & Control Technologies



Daryl Zahn, CFCM, is Manager, Contracts and Compliance for DRS-Power & Control Technologies, which is located in Milwaukee, WI. In 1998, Daryl joined Eaton Navy Controls Division as Naval Projects Coordinator. Eaton Navy Controls was purchased by the DRS Corporation in 2002 and changed the name to DRS Power & Control Technologies (DRS-PCT). At that time, Daryl was promoted to Senior Contract Administrator where he administered both prime and subcontracts for US Navy programs. Daryl was promoted to his current position within DRS-PCT to Manager, Contracts and Compliance in May 2011. Daryl is an active member of the Wisconsin chapter of NCMA, having held board positions as Secretary and Vice

President. Daryl was elected to be the NCMA-WI chapter President as of July 2015.

Smith & Gesteland LLP



Smith & Gesteland LLP, a Madison based accounting and consulting firm. Their service areas include tax, accounting, assurance services, 80-20 Strategic Advising, strategic planning,

human resource management, information technology and SBIR-STTR award recipients.

Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)



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Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA)



The Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) provides audit and financial advisory services to Department of Defense (DoD) and other federal entities responsible for acquisition and contract administration. DCAA operates under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer.

DCAA primarily conducts contract audits. Contract audits are independent, professional compliance examinations of assertions (i.e., proposals, claims, or submissions) made by defense contractors.