

## May 24, 2016 Speakers

### 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.

### Linda Spencer, Supervisory Auditor

Defense Contract Audit Agency, Chicago Branch Office, Milwaukee Sub-office

Linda Spencer is a Supervisory Auditor with the Defense Contract Audit Agency. She is currently working on Team 3 of the Agency's Incurred Cost Initiative. She received her undergraduate degree from Indiana University, a Bachelor of Business in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration from Western Illinois University. Linda is a Certified Public Accountant. She has worked for DCAA for 20 plus years. She has supervised auditors with varying experience levels performing an array of audits including incurred cost, bid proposals and systems audits.

### Jason Rathsack, Administrative Contracting, Grants, and Agreements Officer (ACO/AGO/AAO)

Defense Contract Management Agency, Milwaukee MCWA

Mr. Jason Rathsack serves as an ACO, AGE, and AAO for DCMA Milwaukee. DCMA Milwaukee is responsible for contract administration of approximately 1,500 active Department of Defense (DoD) contracts and grants in Wisconsin, Northern Indiana, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. DCMA is the DoD component that works directly with Defense contractors 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. Mr. Rathsack is now responsible for a range of administrative duties as laid out in FAR 42.302 including but not limited to negotiation and settling provisional billing rates, forward pricing rates, final costs on flexibly priced contracts, and administration of DoD Grants where cognizance is delegated.

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 7 years. Mr. Rathsack has a DAWIA Level II Certification in Contracting, a B.S. in Economics/Business, and a Masters of Public Administration (MPA) from UW Milwaukee where he currently serves as President of the MPA Alumni Chapter.

## **Dennis Irwin, Senior Auditor**

Defense Contract Audit Agency, Chicago Branch Office, Milwaukee Sub-office

Mr. Dennis Irwin is a Senior Auditor with the Defense Contract Audit Agency, Chicago Branch Office, Milwaukee Suboffice. He received his B.A. Degree in Accounting from Lakeland College and his MBA from the University of Wisconsin–Parkside. Dennis is a Certified Internal Auditor and an active member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). Dennis has been active in government, healthcare, not-for-profit accounting and auditing for more than 17 years. Dennis has presented at regional, national and international conferences on audit related issues for the Association of College and University Auditors and the IIA.

## **Erik Harelstad, Price/Cost Analyst**

Defense Contract Management Agency, Milwaukee MCAP

Mr. Erik Harelstad works as a Contract Price/Cost Analyst for DCMA Milwaukee. He received his B.A. Degree in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin –Eau Claire. Mr. Harelstad works directly with DoD contracting officers to provide functional support to aid in their determinations. These functions include efforts related to proposal analysis, status of business systems, forward pricing rate analysis, and final indirect rate analysis. Prior to working at DCMA, Mr. Harelstad worked as a Senior Auditor with DCAA for 5 years.

## **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.

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