



National Contract Management Association – Wisconsin Chapter – Executive Board of Directors Bios

Joe Smetak, Government Contracts Specialist/Manager of Business Outreach *Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI)*

Joe Smetak joined WPI in 2010 and has worked in a variety of roles assisting businesses with their government contracting efforts. Mr. Smetak currently serves as the Vice President of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Wisconsin Chapter. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Lake Michigan Post. Prior to joining WPI, Mr. Smetak worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and various municipal governments. He holds a BS in Political Science & History from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and a Masters of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Jason Rathsack, Administrative Contracting, Grants, and Agreements Officer (ACO/AGO/AAO), Supervisor of Contracting Operations - MCWAA *Defense Contract Management Agency, Milwaukee MCWA*

Mr. Jason Rathsack serves as a Supervisor of Contracting Operations, ACO, AGO, 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. 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

Patricia Sullivan - Government Contracts Specialist

Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI)

Patricia Sullivan joined WPI in 2013 and has worked extensively assisting businesses in northern Wisconsin with their government contracting needs. Patricia is currently a Member at Large on the Executive Board for the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Wisconsin Chapter. Prior to joining WPI, Patricia has worked in contracting in various capacities to include a local regional airline, county government, and on various military bases. Patricia holds a Master in Business Administration (MBA) from Lakeland College and a Master of Science in Acquisitions and Contract Management (MS/ACM) from Florida Institute of Technology.

Aina Vilumsons, Executive Director/CEO

Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI)

Aina Vilumsons has worked with the Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI) since 1997 and has served as Executive Director / CEO since 2000. She currently serves on the Boards of WPI, Wisconsin Chapter of the National Contract Management Association, Great Lakes Chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers, and Wisconsin Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Prior to coming to WPI, Ms. Vilumsons she was the General Manager of a Department of Defense contractor, Business Analyst for a large Milwaukee based manufacturer and Trust /Investment Analyst. Ms. Vilumsons received her BS degree from the University of Minnesota and her MBA from Marquette University.