



**18th Annual End of Year
Federal Contractor Update
January 29, 2026 – Pewaukee, WI**

8:30am Welcome by host organizations and Attendee introductions
Event moderators for today will be Daryl Zahn and James Pitcher

9:00am 2026 Update on Federal Acquisition Regulations and Other – presented by Daryl Zahn, CFCM, Senior Manager, Contracts & Compliance, DRS Naval Power Systems, Inc.

9:45am 2026 Defense Contract Update – presented by Jason Rathsack, NCMA WI Chapter Board Member

10:45am Guest Speaker

11:15am BREAK

11:30m 2026 Federal Case Law Update – presented by Samuel Jack, Senior Counsel, Husch Blackwell

Noon 2026 Update from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) – presented by Frank Demarest, Wisconsin State Deputy District Director, U.S. SBA

12:15pm ==LUNCH AND NETWORKING==

1:15pm 2026 Update from Washington DC – presented by Brian Waagner, Partner, Husch Blackwell LLP

2:00pm PANEL ONE: Selling to the Federal Government in 2026 – presented by James Pitcher, Director of Strategic Contracts, Gallatin AI; David Zvenyach, Founder and Principal Tandem / CEO MakeGov; Baly Ambegaoker, CEO Breakthrough Technologies for Mission Success [BTMS]

3:15pm --BREAK--

3:30pm PANEL TWO: Engaging with Prime Contractors

4:15pm ANNUAL BLOG – presented by Aina Vilumsons, President and Executive Director, WPI

4:30pm END OF EVENT