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

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

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

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

10:45 am **Update on CMMC –** *presented by Matt Frost, Government Contract Specialist, Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI)*

11:15 am **— BREAK—**

11:30 am **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*

12:15 pm **— LUNCH AND NETWORKING —**
Manufacturing Brief – *presented by Buckley Brinkman, Advisor, WCMP*

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

2:00 pm **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]*

3:15 pm **— BREAK—**

3:30 pm **PANEL TWO: Engaging with Prime Contractors –** *moderated by James Pitcher, Director of Strategic Contracts, Gallatin AI; Panelists – Sean Ketter, Vice President, Global Procurement & Supply Chain, Oshkosh Corporation; Nathaniel Millsap, Vice President, Security & Compliance, Fincantieri Marinette Marine*

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

4:30 pm **END OF EVENT**