

Awards and Honors

Award	Date Due	Purpose	Nominees	Award	Presented	Nominator
FELLOW AWARD	On-going	The Fellow designation is reserved for individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of contracting and to the NCMA and is the third highest award given by the Association.	Applies to all NCMA members.	Fellow Certificate Recognition in <i>Contract Management</i>	World Congress	Members may submit their applications to their Chapter Fellow Chairperson. Applications must be signed by a Fellows Chairperson or Chapter President.
ALVIS (AL) D. KEEN HONORARY LIFE MEMBER AWARD	January	Highest award and nominee will be evaluated for exceptional and noteworthy contributions to the achievement of the purposes of the Association. Typically, nominees for this award will have previously been awarded the Charles A. Dana Distinguished Service Award.	Current NCMA member a minimum of fifteen (15) years, national elective or appointive office for at least one full year, and in the contract management profession a minimum of twenty (20) years.	Plaque Gold membership card Complimentary membership dues for life	World Congress	Recommendations for the award may be offered by any member of the association by directly contacting a voting member of the Alvis (Al) D. Keen Honorary Life Member Award Nominating Committee.
CHARLES A. DANA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD	January	Second highest award and nominee will be evaluated for exceptional and noteworthy contributions to the achievement of the purposes of the Association. The award recognizes extended and distinguished service to NCMA.	All NCMA members are eligible for the award except for those members currently serving on the National Board of Directors. Have an extended period of service/membership of at least ten (10) years, Fellow status, National level Officer's position, and distinguished service.	Plaque	World Congress	Recommendations for the award may be offered by any member of the association by directly contacting a voting member of the Charles A. Dana Distinguished Service Award Nominating Committee.

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NCMA GLOBAL CONTRACTING AWARD	January 15	This award will be presented to an individual who has made noteworthy contributions to acquisition operations including extraordinary business leadership or team participation in the design, development or execution of an acquisition program, project or contract that furthers an agency mission or company's business.	Nominee has made noteworthy contributions within 18 months of nomination, had four (4) years of contracting experience, and not a staff member of NCMA, ESI International, or Informa Company.	\$5000 or divided if multiple awards	World Congress	Nominations must be submitted on company or agency letterhead. Each nomination must be approved by the head of the contracting agency for government nominations or an appropriate vice president for industry nominations.
W. GREGOR MACFARLAN EXCELLENCE IN CONTRACT MANAGEMENT RESEARCH AND WRITING PROGRAM	February 15	This award is designed to recognize excellence in contract management research and writing in a variety of basic disciplines as long as the research is relevant to the contract management field.	Graduate or undergraduate research papers will be written and submitted by students enrolled in full-time or part-time degree-granting programs. Professional-level research will be accomplished by organizations, firms, or individuals that specialize in business research and consulting.	Graduate Research \$5000 Professional Level Research \$5000 Undergraduate \$1000 All published in <i>Journal of Contract Management</i>	World Congress	Nominations may be submitted by both NCMA members and non-members.
HERBERT ROBACK MEMORIAL AWARD	February 1	This award is presented annually to a nationally renowned and distinguished American who has made a significant contribution to the betterment of public contract management through lifelong achievement in the public or private sectors. This award is the highest award NCMA confers in recognition of contributions to the betterment of public contract management.	Applies to both NCMA members and non-members. Current members of the NCMA Board of Directors not eligible.	Plaque	World Congress	Nominations may be submitted by both NCMA members and non-members.
NCMA EDUCATION AWARD	March 1	The award provides recognition to an NCMA member for an exemplary contribution to the profession of contract management through the field of education.	Applies to all NCMA members.	Plaque	World Congress	Nominations may be made by any NCMA chapter with a nomination letter, preferably on letterhead, signed by a Chapter President or other elected officer.

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NCMA NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	March 1	This award is intended to provide a means of giving special recognition to those volunteers who make notable contributions in such areas as writing of education products, a unique NCMA advocacy program, promotion of the certification program, or any other special or unique contribution which is deserving of national recognition.	Applies to all NCMA members, groups of members, and chapters.	Plaque	World Congress	Nominations must be signed by a current member of the Board of Directors.
OUTSTANDING FELLOW AWARD	March 1	The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding NCMA Fellows, stimulate continuous contributions to NCMA and the contract management profession by Fellows, and recognize accomplishments at the chapter and National levels.	Applies to all NCMA Fellows who are current members of NCMA.	Plaque Recognition in <i>Contract Management</i> magazine	World Congress	Nominations will be made by Chapter Presidents.
ELMER B. STAATS YOUNG ACQUISITION PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD	March 31	The purpose of this award is to recognize a young federal acquisition professional with extraordinary business leadership or team participation in the design, development or execution of an acquisition program or project that furthers an agency's mission; or development of a management policy, regulation, data system, or other task that significantly enhances the federal acquisition system.	Nominee has made noteworthy contributions within 18 months of nomination, had five (5) years of civil or military service as a contracting officer/specialist, procurement analyst or purchasing agent, and 37 years old or younger.	\$5000	World Congress	Nominations must be submitted on agency letterhead by the head of the contracting activity along with the application form.
ALBERT BERGER OUTSTANDING CHAPTER LEADERSHIP AWARD	April 15	Recognize volunteers who demonstrate superior chapter leadership achievements in support of their chapter's goals and activities.	Chapter leaders, both elected officers and appointed committee chairs, who held office during the preceding program year.	Plaque	Chapter Leader Summit	Member of the Board of Directors
JAMES E. CRAVENS MEMBERSHIP AWARD	August 15	This award is designed to recognize NCMA chapters and individual members for outstanding membership accomplishments during the past NCMA program year. It is intended to highlight achievements in membership recruitment and retention.	Applies to all NCMA members and chapters.	Plaque	Chapter Leader Summit	A nomination letter signed by a Chapter President, preferably on Chapter letterhead.

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WALTER R. GRAALMAN AWARD	August 31	The purpose of this award is to recognize the chapter as they have planned their program year to provide the best value to their members, taking into account the demographics and unique aspects of the chapter. In completing the Chapter Annual Report (CAR) the chapter considers the NCMA goals and objectives. They earn Graalman Award recognition for chapter excellence.	Applies to all NCMA chapters.	Quality Chapter Bronze Level Silver Level Gold Level Based on objectives.	Chapter Leader Summit	Chapter Annual Report is submitted by the Chapter President.
ARTHUR G. MULLER ANNUAL VOLUNTEER AWARD	October 31	Recognize, annually, NCMA members who have served, without compensation (other than reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses), the Association through their participation, contribution, and leadership in its activities.	Members in roles other than elected chapter officers who exhibited outstanding performance in volunteer work at the chapter level during the preceding program year.	Plaque	Chapter Leader Summit	A nomination letter signed by a Chapter President, preferably on Chapter letterhead.
BLANCHE WITTE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION ANNUAL AWARD	November 15	Recognize an individual working in the field of contract management that have one or more exemplary achievement(s), and through their unique contribution(s), have demonstrated a measurable effect in advancing the contract management/procurement function within their respective organization.	Any NCMA member or non- member working at professional levels below department manager in the private sector, or at Grade 04/GS-13 or below in the military/civil service, in a contract management or procurement function.	Plaque	World Congress	Nominations may be made by both members and non-members of NCMA. Nominations must include a supervisor or employer's recommendation
EXCELLENCE IN CONTRACTS PROFESSIONALISM AWARD	December 31	The award recognizes individuals with a remarkable reputation for professionalism and exceptional achievement in contract management.	The recipient will have made specific contributions to their organization's success in the preceding 12 months. Over the course of their career, demonstrated self improvement efforts, contributed to the advancement of others, and demonstrated a proven ability to convey contracting professionalism to others both internal and external to their organizations.	Plaque \$1500 Cash Award World Congress Registration One-Year Membership	World Congress	Nominations may be made by the nominee's employer.

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NCMA TOP PROFESSIONALS UNDER 40 IN CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AWARD	June 1	<p>This award recognizes those up-and-coming performers who will eventually be the leaders in the contract management profession and in NCMA. Up to 40 young professionals under the age of 40 will be recognized each year.</p>	<p>Nominees will come from the contract management background and under the age of 40 as of June 1 of the current year. Nominees do not have to be NCMA members, but previous winners are not eligible for this award in future years. Self-nominations are allowed with endorsement letters. NCMA staff, national officers, and the members of the board of directors and award selection team are not eligible for this award. It is recommended but not required that the candidate be able to personally receive the award at the Government Contract Management Symposium. Candidates are responsible for paying any travel costs associated with receiving the award.</p>	<p>Plaque One year membership to NCMA Recognition in the <i>Contract Management</i> magazine Recognition by NCMA's President at GCMS</p>	<p>Government Contract Management Symposium</p>	<p>Nominations can be made by NCMA members or nonmembers. Self-nomination is allowed. Submissions must include the nomination form, nominee's professional resume, and two endorsement letters/letters of recommendation. Nominations must be sent to NCMA at awards@ncmahq.org.</p>
CHARLES J. DELANEY MEMORIAL AWARD	December 31	<p>This award recognizes NCMA members who submit well-written, relevant articles for publication in <i>Contract Management</i> magazine.</p>	<p>All NCMA members who submit and have published an article or articles in <i>Contract Management</i> magazine during the calendar year.</p>	<p>Plaque</p>	<p>World Congress</p>	<p>Nominations may be made by any NCMA chapter. The Executive Director may make additional nominations.</p>