The roles contract managers play in successful mission completion. 
- Intersting acquisitions.
- Examples of the need for sound business judgment.
- What contract managers buy/sell (and why that’s important).

### OUR MISSION

Spotlighting the varied and important missions contract managers help make happen. Topical coverage:

### THE FUTURE OF CONTRACTING

Envisioning the future of the business of contracting—as well as the contract management profession. Topical coverage:

- What will be the “new normal”? 
- Managing a tele-workforce. 
- AI, bots, cybersecurity certifications, etc. 
- Nontraditional contracting methods.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Start the New Year off right by planning for professional development—for yourself and for your organization’s workforce. 

### SUBCONTRACT MANAGEMENT

(Released at SubCon Training Workshops 2021.) 
All things related to buying, selling, and administering subcontracts within the supply chain. Topical coverage:

### BACK TO BASICS

Better understanding the business of contracting or reinforcing your foundational knowledge are both essential for success. Topical coverage:

### BUILDING LEADERS

Effective leadership strategies and advice for emerging leaders on the qualities of great leadership. Topical coverage:

### COST AND PRICING

Ensuring fair and reasonable pricing through cost and price analysis. Topical coverage:

### COMPLIANT CONTRACTING

The statutory and regulatory landscape of contracting is not only complex, but ever-changing. Topical coverage:

### ARTICLE/CONTENT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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### 2021 EDITORIAL CALENDAR

Themes/topics subject to change.

### Topical Coverage:

- Contracting 101: The fundamentals. 
- Contract management standards and competencies. 
- Contract life cycle phases—Pre-Award, Award, and Post-Award. 
- Best practices. 

- Lessons learned and stories from leaders in the profession. 
- Leadership transition planning. 
- Generational issues. 
- Insights from Contract Management Leadership Development Program (CMLDP) coaches and mentors. 

- Compliance with new rules and standards. 
- Supplier relationship management. 
- Counterfeit parts/products. 
- Cybersecurity compliance within the supply chain.

- Resources to gain knowledge and competence in contract management. 
- Assessing knowledge gaps. 
- Developing Individual Development Plans (IDPs). 
- Professionalism, competency, and certification.

- Sourcing issues. 
- Flowdown of terms and conditions. 
- Subcontracting plans. 
- IP protection, license/data rights.

- PM and CM cooperation, government/industry communication, etc. 
- Working in teams, communications training. 
- Requirements definition and writing effective statements of work. 
- Contracting for non-CM team members.

- Compliance with laws, regulations, and other rules and standards (e.g., the CMMC). 
- Audits and accounting. 
- Subcontractor flowdown compliance. 
- Contractor Purchasing System Reviews (CPSRs).

- Analysis of one common contract clause—its history, purpose(s), and uses; common pitfalls; and proper application.
- A deep dive into a recent Court or Board decision; law, regulation, or policy change; or other legal issue.
- A column designed to help navigate this time of vibrant change by sharing new and inspiring ideas, approaches, methods, and tools.
- Understanding how the other side does business and their motivations are key to successful acquisitions.
- Sharing personal experiences of working within this diverse profession—a success story, a challenge overcome, an inspiring anecdote, etc.
- Spotlighting individual NCMA members, their experiences in the profession, and how the association has helped shape their careers.