THE COALITION FOR COMMON SENSE IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

2026 Fall Training Conference

The Acquisition Exchange: What's Next for Healthcare Procurement?

November 19, 2026

7:00—8:30 AM **Registration and Networking Breakfast**

8:30—8:45 AM ***Welcome Remarks***
Main Ballroom
- **Roger Waldron**, President, The Coalition for Common Sense in Government Procurement

8:45—9:15 AM ***Keynote—Post Election Brief: Budget & Legislative Developments on the Hill***
Main Ballroom
- **Moshe Schwartz**, Coalition Defense Fellow and President, Etherton & Associates

9:15—9:30 AM **Break**

9:30—10:20 AM ***VA Acquisition Leadership Panel***
Main Ballroom
- **Moderator: Kale English**, Sr. Director, Government Strategic Partnerships, Medical Surgical, Solventum
- **Phil Christy**, Principal Executive Director of the Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction (OALC) and Chief Acquisition Officer, US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- **Christopher Parker**, Deputy Principal Executive Director (DPED) of the OALC and the Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, VA
- **Michael Logue**, Senior Advisor to the Principal Executive Director and Chief Acquisition Officer, OALC, VA

10:20—10:35 AM **Break**

10:35—11:25 AM ***VA Acquisition Operations & Policy***
Main Ballroom
- **Moderator: DawnRenee Noll**, Director, U.S. National Enterprise Sales, Government, Abbott
- **Alyssa Dark**, Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) VBA & NCA, Director, Office of Procurement Operations, VA
- **Jerry Jacobs**, Associate Executive Director, Enterprise Procurement Office (EPO), VA
- **Daryl Berg**, Executive Director, Regional Procurement Office Central, Veterans Health Administration (VHA)

11:30—12:30 PM **Networking Lunch**

12:30—1:20PM ***Healthcare Made in America***

Main Ballroom

- **Michael Stumo**, Associate Director for Economic Policy and the Made in America Office, Office of Management and Budget
- **Matthew Beebe**, Director of Acquisition (J7), DLA
- **Phil Christy**, Principal Executive Director of the Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction (OALC) and Chief Acquisition Officer, VA
- **Michael Logue**, Senior Advisor to the Principal Executive Director and Chief Acquisition Officer, OALC, VA
- **Dr. Matt Clark**, Assistant Director for Research, Development, and Acquisition and Component Acquisition Executive, DHA

1:20—2:10 PM ***Healthcare Developments on the Hill***

Main Ballroom

- **Moderator: Tim Brennan**, President, Center for Procurement Advocacy
- **Katie Adams**, Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
- **Brian Newbold**, Senior Policy Advisor, Chairman Jerry Moran (R-KS), Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
- **Kassie Stagner**, Professional Staff Member, Ranking Member Mark Takano (D-CA), House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

2:15—2:30 PM **Transition to Breakouts**

2:30—3:30 PM **Breakout Sessions**

VA and Indian Health Service Pharmacy Programs

- **Moderator: David Perkins**, Head of Sales and Customer Engagement, Exelan Pharmaceuticals
- **Rick Purko**, Deputy Chief Consultant, Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP), VA
- **CAPT Weston Thompson**, Pharmacy Support Branch Supervisor, National Supply Service Center, Indian Health Service

Healthcare Cybersecurity

- **Michael Gruden**, Partner, Steptoe
- **Chad Oglesbee**, Director, IO Cybersecurity Management (ICSM), Office of Information Technology, VA

3:30—3:45 PM **Transition to Breakouts**

3:45—4:45 PM **Breakout Sessions**

DHA Pharmaceutical Program

- **Moderator: Karol Ann Sharp**, President, AvKARE
- **Ed Norton**, Chief of Pharmacy Operations, DHA

VA Federal Supply Schedules (FSS) Program

- **Moderator: Sequince Sackey**, Sr. Manager, Brand Business Development, Golden State Medical Supply
- **Sharon Chang**, FSS Director, EPO, VA
- **Diana Lawal**, Pharmaceutical Division B Chief, FSS, EPO, VA
- **Isabel Uribe**, Pharmaceutical Division C Chief, FSS, EPO, VA

- **James Booth**, Med Surg A Chief, FSS, EPO, VA
- **Deborah Zuckswerth**, Med Surg B Chief, FSS, EPO, VA
- **Bob Satterfield**, Services Chief, FSS, EPO, VA

VA Medical/Surgical Procurement

- **Sarah Scott**, Branch Chief, MSPV Supplies, Network Contracting Office 1 (New England), VHA
- **Katie Hulse**, Director, Acquisition Services 3 (supporting MSPV Distribution), EPO, VA
- **Felicia DeMita**, Division Chief AS3A, Contracting Officer, MSPV Distribution, EPO, VA
- **Becca Ubert**, Division Chief AS3B, Contracting Officer, MSPV, EPO, VA

4:45—6:30 PM **Networking Reception**

All speakers and conference attendees are welcome to attend and continue the day's conversations at the networking reception.

All Day: "Ask the PMO" Tabletops

VA Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) Table
Sharon Chang, FSS Director, VA
Diana Lawal, Pharmaceutical Division B Chief, FSS, VA
Isabel Uribe, Pharmaceutical Division C Chief, FSS, VA
James Booth, Med Surge A Chief, FSS, VA
Deborah Zuckswerth, Med Surge B Chief, FSS, VA
Bob Satterfield, Services Chief, FSS, VA

VA Office of Acquisition, Logistics, & Construction (OALC) Table
Terica Scott, Communications Director, OALC, VA

AMSUS-SM Table
Susan Bachenheimer, Membership Director, AMSUS-SM

All speakers on the agenda are invited, unless otherwise noted * as confirmed.