



**National Contract Management Association
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**“Is the Acquisition Professional Essential to Good Business?
The View From the Executive Suite”**

Speakers: *David J. Dacquino, CEO, VT Group*

David Oliver, COO, EADS North America

Moderator: *Brenda Bearden, President, B3 Solutions LLC*

Please join the Washington Chapter NCMA at our February 17th dinner to hear from industry’s finest leaders why Acquisition Professionalism is or, perhaps, is not essential to good business.

David Dacquino is CEO of VT Group, a leading government and critical support services company, providing engineering and other services, to governments around the world. Dacquino holds professional certifications in management, purchasing, contracts (CPCM), and production inventory management.

David Oliver is the COO of EADS North America, the world’s 2nd largest aerospace and defense Company. Oliver has responsibility for company operations from strategic planning, acquisition, marketing and business development. After a distinguished naval career he went on to serve the Clinton Administration as Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

Brenda Bearden, President of B3 Solutions, LLC, will moderate this distinguished panel.

- Come hear The Daves’ mix it up - sharing insights and addressing:
- Was becoming an Acquisition Professional a good career decision?
- Do professional certifications really matter in the hiring process?
- What are the essential characteristics of a truly superb Acquisition Professional?
- How Acquisition Professionals really ‘mess things up!’; or conversely,
- How Acquisition Professionals really ‘make the difference!’

The NCMA Washington, D.C. Chapter’s monthly meetings draw leaders, midlevel and interns from far and near within and without the federal procurement system - a wonderful opportunity to catch up with colleagues and learn how their organizations address your problems. Please join us!

If using the Metro subway to the meeting, when exiting the L’Enfant Plaza Station to the Hotel, take the **9th and D Street exit**.

<u>Location:</u>	L’Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L’Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC (above the Metro stop)
<u>Time:</u>	Registration/social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m.
<u>Cost:</u>	\$40, NCMA members; \$45, non-members
<u>RSVP:</u>	Smith Pachter McWhorter PLC, 703-847-6295, or register@smithpachter.com

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