

NCMA BLUEGRASS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

THE LITTLE CHAPTER THAT CAN

SUMMER 2018

PROGRAM YEAR 2018-2019 LEADERSHIP

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WORLD CONGRESS 2018

Several Bluegrass Chapter members attended this year's NCMA World Congress in beautiful Cleveland, OH, July 22-25. The event was the largest ever with over 2000 attendees brought together for inspiring main stage discussions, interactive breakouts, and unparalleled networking opportunities. This year's theme was *Contract Management Disruption: Seize the Opportunity*. Participants heard a variety of top industry and government speakers deliver main stage key notes and participate in panel discussions on how technology is disrupting our business and what we can do to prepare and evolve in this changing landscape. Mark your calendars for next year's event at the Hynes Convention Center July 28-31, 2019, in Boston, MA.



Bluegrass Chapter Members: (left to right) Dave Hincks, Noelle Mills, Jennifer Vollman, and Gerold Young

REMINDER: Input for the Chapter Annual Report for the 2017/2018 Plan Year is due to Johnathan by Tuesday, July 31, jpowell@humana.com. Please email information on any recognitions, accomplishments, or honors such as certifications, conferences attended, courses completed, etc. achieved within the Contract Management field.



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: SEAN YOUNG

Sean is married with a ten-year-old and a baby on the way! He started his career in acquisition in 2012 when he enlisted in the Air Force. He was stationed in Clovis, New Mexico, where he worked primarily on construction contracts and small dollar service contracts. He began working for the EPA in Cincinnati in February 2017, where he quickly became a valued member of the Specialized Service Center.

Sean joined the NCMA Bluegrass Chapter in April 2018 in conjunction with the National Education Seminar. Sean will soon be starting to prepare for the Certified Federal Contracts Manager (CFCM) certification with a cohort of EPA members and non-members.

We are excited to have Sean join the Chapter!

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: LISA MITCHELL-FLINN, CFCM

Lisa Mitchell-Flinn is a Contract Specialist with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. She currently provides support to the US EPA Office of Water under various contracts. Her experience includes pre- and post-award activities. She is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati (BA – Organizational Leadership) and The Ohio University (Masters of Business Administration).

Lisa joined the NCMA Bluegrass Chapter in December 2017 in conjunction with the Government Contract Management Symposium in Washington D.C. where she obtained her CFCM certification.

We welcome Lisa to the chapter and the leadership team!



CERTIFICATION ASSISTANCE FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS

The Bluegrass Chapter encourages all members to seek and obtain NCMA certifications. As NCMA certification demonstrates professional achievement and is recognized industry-wide throughout the Government and private-sector, many organizations sponsor their employees by paying for their costs associated with obtaining certification. The Bluegrass Chapter recognizes that not all members are afforded this opportunity to be sponsored by their employers. In an effort to assist those members in obtaining NCMA certification, the Bluegrass Chapter has a grant program for members to request reimbursement for certification application and examination fees. The maximum number of grants issued will be four (4) per program year.

Information on the application process can be found at the chapter website:

<http://www.ncmabluegrasschapter.org/education-scholarships.html>



INGREDIENTS

- 5 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 3/8 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1 1/2 cups sliced fresh peaches (about 2 medium)
- 1 (12-oz.) pkg. broccoli slaw
- 3 (6-oz.) skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut crosswise into 1-in. strips
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- 1 ounce feta cheese, crumbled (about 1/4 cup)
- 2 center-cut bacon slices, cooked and crumbled

RECIPE CORNER: BBQ CHICKEN WITH PEACH AND FETA SLAW

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Step 1: Combine 4 tablespoons oil, vinegar, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, and 1/4 teaspoon salt in a large bowl, stirring with a whisk. Add peaches and slaw to vinegar mixture; toss gently to coat.

Step 2: Sprinkle chicken evenly with remaining 1/4 teaspoon pepper and remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken to pan; cook 6 minutes or until done. Place chicken in a large bowl. Add barbecue sauce to bowl; toss.

Step 3: Divide slaw mixture evenly among 4 plates; top evenly with chicken strips. Sprinkle with chives, feta, and bacon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

At the Chapter level we are tentatively planning our next Bluegrass Chapter meeting for August. Be on the lookout for an email from our Program Chair, Dave Hincks, with more details coming soon.

At the National Level, registration will soon be open for the Government Contract Management Symposium to be held in the Washington D.C. metro area December 3-4, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA. Over 1,000 acquisition progressions are anticipated to participate in keynotes from senior leaders, breakout session training, and networking opportunities with the opportunity to earn up to 14.5 CLPs.

CM MAGAZINE JULY 2018 TOP STORIES

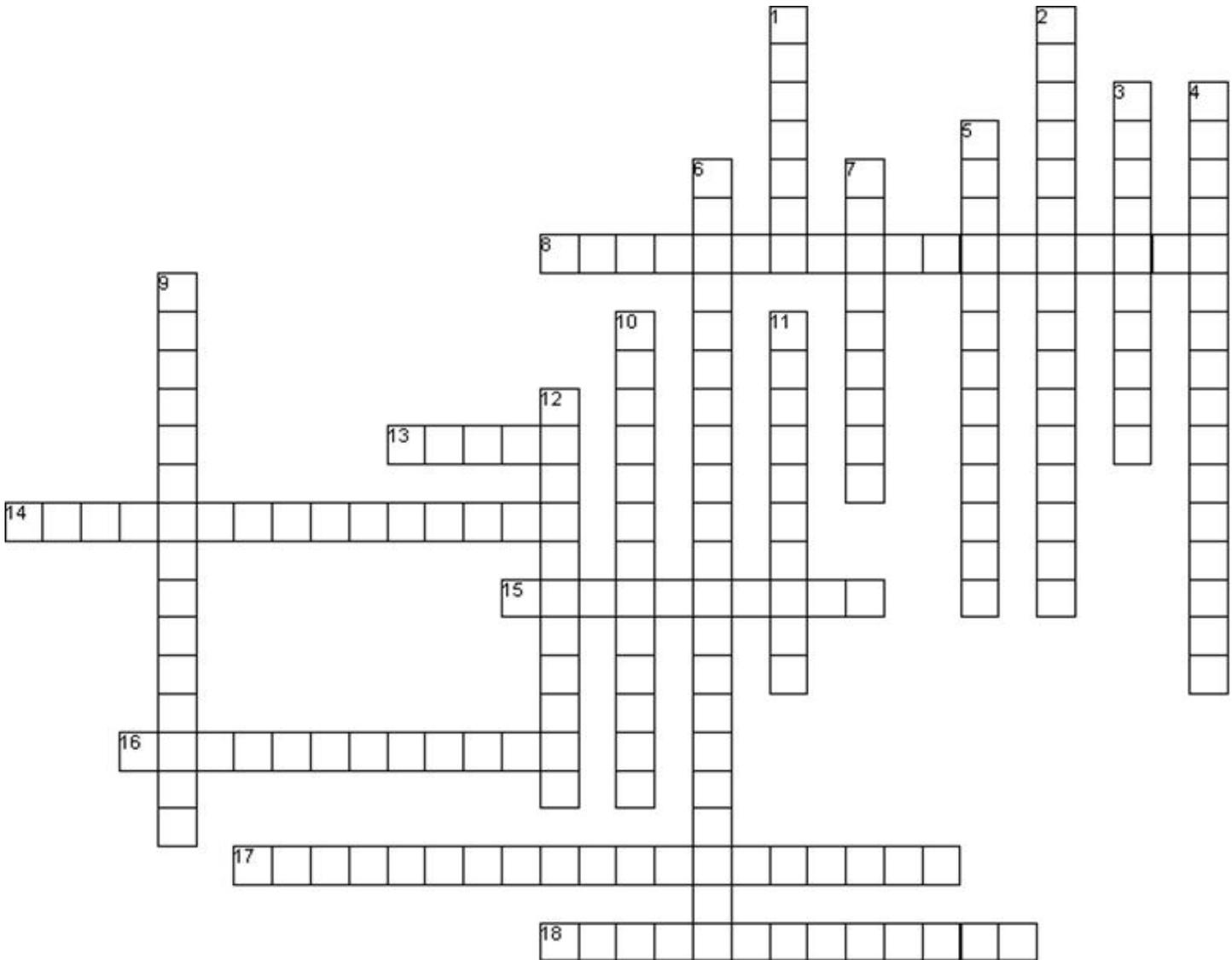
Mirror, Mirror, On the Wall, Who's at Fault for Delays After All? By John Krieger

If you think the defense acquisition process takes too long or doesn't allow you to do what you want, don't look in the FAR, look in the mirror.

Meeting of the Minds: Contract Formation in the Blockchain Age by Christopher Robey

As smart contracting procedures gain acceptance through blockchain finance on commercial supply chain platforms, questions regarding the validity of the offer and acceptance sequence, and of principal-agent relationships, have come to the surface. This article reviews the current progress being made in terms of relevant contract formation models (i.e., apparent authority, implied contracts, and adhesion contracts) under development in the semi- and fully autonomous commercial contracting environment.

BRAINTEASER: UCC AND CONTRACT LEGAL TERMS



Across

- 8. Court may require one party to perform when the other relied on a promise (2 words)
- 13. A contract forms when it's accepted
- 14. A contract clause which is so one-sided the court might throw it out
- 15. Indirect damages are ____
- 16. One of Buyer's remedies under the code (3words)
- 17. A buyer might ask the judge to require this of the seller if the product was special (2 words)
- 18. ____ damages happen as a result of failure

Down

- 1. A warranty that is spelled out in detail
- 2. when one party fails to perform the contract (3 words)
- 3. ____ might be revoked when a hidden defect is found
- 4. when the fine print doesn't agree we have this situation (4 words)
- 5. ____ must be exchanged to form a contract
- 6. UCC (3words)
- 7. Buyers and Sellers in the marketplace are not consumers, they are ____
- 9. ____ is an implied warranty that the product will be typical of similar products
- 10. Presented in court to prove that there was more to the contract than what was written (2words)
- 11. "I never meant to form a contract"
- 12. FOB (3 words)