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LA Gateway Chapter Theme FY06-07

NCMA's LA Gateway Chapter to Host Panel of Experts from Major Public Agencies

- **Up for discussion:** How agencies can help agencies meet the procurement challenges of FY07

(September 21, 2006) A confab of top procurement and contracting executives from the region's major public agencies will lead a panel discussion at the Sept. 27 meeting of the Los Angeles Gateway Chapter of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA).

The NCMA chapter will kick-off its 2006-2007 Program on Wednesday, with a panel discussion of "Procurement Challenges in FY07." The topic includes legal issues, aging staff, acquisition training and future commerce.

The panel will also highlight and exchange relevant information in support of achieving professional excellence in the procurement and decision-making process.

Participants will include:

- City of Los Angeles – Ken Desowitz, C.P.M., Director, General Services Department, Supply Services Division
- County of Los Angeles – Joe Sandoval, Manager of Purchasing , Internal Services Department (invited)
- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Lonnie Mitchell, Executive Officer, Procurement & Material Management
- Los Angeles Unified School District – Duane Johnson, Chief Procurement Officer, Procurement Services Group
- Metropolitan Water District – Mike Kolodisner, CPPO, Contracting Services Manager

Light refreshments will be provided outside the Board Room at 3:45 p.m. during registration and networking. The discussions will be held in the Board Room and are scheduled to begin promptly at 4:15 pm and conclude by 5:45.

The meeting is open to all Metro employees.

For information and to RSVP, contact Margaret Merhoff at (213) 922-

1073.

The Gateway Chapter focuses on maintaining high ethical standards and professional integrity in public contracting. Organizations represented in the chapter include the Metropolitan Water District, Southern California Regional Rail Authority and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

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