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Retired Navy Rear Adm. Lenn Vincent speaks to Los Angeles Gateway Chapter of the National Contract Management Association



National Association Officer Addresses Metro's Contract Managers

By NED RACINE

(Jan. 26, 2007) Former Navy Rear Admiral Lenn Vincent spoke to some 30 members of the LA Gateway Chapter of the National Contract Management Association, Thursday, painting a picture of a changing profession.

Vincent, president of the NCMA Board of Directors, indicated how security concerns will affect procurement and contract management. He also called on organizations to better integrate contract management staff through the life of their contracts.

Vincent said contract management professionals in the United States set a high standard for procuring goods and services. "Countries ask all the time how we do this."

"Our professionalism is very important in terms of supporting our customers," said Edward Velasquez, a member of NCMA Los Angeles Gateway chapter and a Metro senior contract administrator.



Retired Navy Rear Adm. Lenn Vincent, answers questions during a meeting with Metro contract managers. A former commandant of the Defense Systems Management College, Vincent is president of the NCMA Board of Directors.

“In our [nonprofit] agency, our profit is the efficiency with which we spend public funds,” said Velasquez. “The better we spend it, the more services we can provide.”

“At the end of the day, the end result is a good product or service, whatever your client requires,” Velasquez said.



Retired Rear Adm. Lenn Vincent was greeted by a former Navy colleague, Bruce Feerer, now a deputy executive officer of Metro Procurement. Besides serving under Vincent, Feerer was Vincent's neighbor when they served aboard ships at the San Diego Naval Base.