

JULY 25-28, 2021

WORLD CONGRESS

DENVER, CO



CRISIS TO CREATIVITY,
What's next on the Path to Resilience
GAYLORD ROCKIES RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER



NCMA
NATIONAL CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION®

WELCOME



WORLD CONGRESS 2021

Our theme this year is Crisis to Creativity: What's Next on the Path to Resilience. The contract management community has made significant contributions and a profound impact on society in the last year alone. At World Congress, we'll focus on a future that requires us to innovate and exceed expectations. Through the numerous timely educational offerings and endless networking opportunities, together we will create, learn, and connect to forward our mission and commit to continue making a mark in the world around us.

BUILT-IN FLEXIBILITY FOR YOU

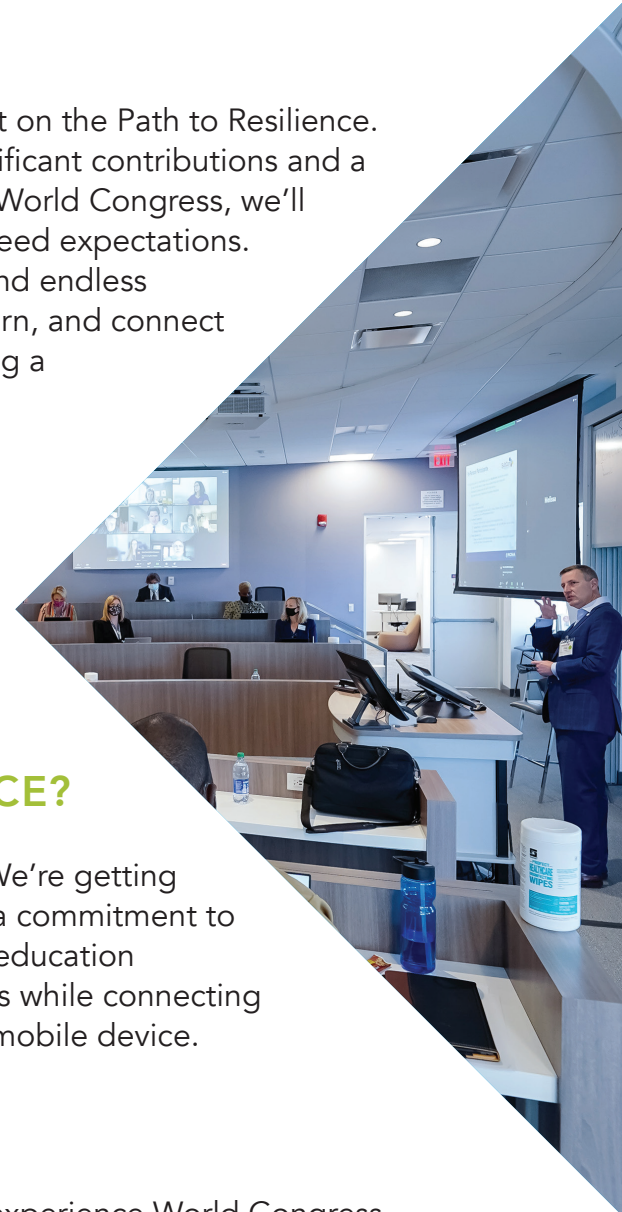
World Congress 2021 is an integrated, in-person, and virtual event, giving you the option to connect face to face or dive deep with virtual sessions to jumpstart that big idea.

READY TO CONNECT FACE TO FACE?

Join us at the Gaylord Rockies in Denver, Colorado! We're getting back to the World Congress you know and love with a commitment to provide you with a safe and clean space. Experience education sessions and networking with your peers and speakers while connecting simultaneously with virtual participants through your mobile device.

PREFER TO STAY VIRTUAL?

If you can't get away from the office but still want to experience World Congress, then the virtual option is perfect for you. Watch live educational sessions and connect with peers from the comfort of your computer or you can watch replays of the sessions you missed on your own.



LODGING & LOCATION



LODGING

Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center

6700 North Gaylord Rockies Boulevard | Aurora, CO 80019 | 720-452-6900

Located minutes from Denver International Airport in the idyllic All-American City of Aurora, the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center offers the perfect location to create memorable experiences for attendees to connect and enjoy rustic alpine charm.

NCMA has been working closely with the Gaylord Rockies to stay up to date on the new protocols and elevated practices, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and keeping with their high standards of cleanliness and commitment to providing excellent service. We will be informing all in-person attendees on specific procedures as the event gets closer.

RESERVATIONS

Rates

Group Rate: \$295.00/night + taxes & fees

Government Per Diem Rate: \$199.00/night + taxes & fees

Book By Phone

Marriott Reservations:

888-777-6779

Rooms must be booked by June 25, 2021 to qualify for the group/per diem rate. All reservations canceled should be canceled at least three days prior to arrival to avoid a one room night plus tax charge.

PRELIMINARY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM



TRACKS

Format: **Virtual** and **In-Person**

- Business Skills
- Contracting Competencies
- Innovation Alley
- Leadership
- Small and Emerging Business Issues
- Supply Chain for Contract Management

INNOVATION ALLEY

Format: **Virtual**

Innovation Alley will be an interactive showcase of artificial intelligence, machine learning and data visualizations created specifically to serve government contracting professionals that demonstrates successful user experiences and stories. There will be 30 minutes of demonstration followed by 30 minutes of Q&A.

EXCHANGES

Format: **Virtual** and **In-Person**

Exchanges are informal, attendee-driven, small-group discussions on common challenges in the industry with opportunities to share best practices, tips, and insights. These moderator-led Exchanges will focus on specific areas, important to the community. Exchanges have two parts:

1. Participants watch the 30-minute OnDemand video on the Exchange topic on the virtual event platform.
2. Participants attend the live 60-minute Exchange on the topic, virtually or in-person.

EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE

Visit the exhibitors and discover what's trending in products and services. Industry representatives from all aspects of the contract management, supply chain, procurement, acquisition, and much more—will be on hand to assist you. With their support, NCMA can offer you a stellar continuing education program year after year. Please be sure to thank them.

While you're there, stop by the NCMA booth to learn about the vast array of products and services NCMA provides members.

In-Person Show Hours (Mountain Time, all hours subject to change)

- Sunday, July 25: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- Monday, July 26: 7:00am – 3:00pm
- Tuesday, July 27: 7:00am – 3:00pm

Virtual attendees will also have the opportunity to connect with vendors in the Exhibit Showcase.

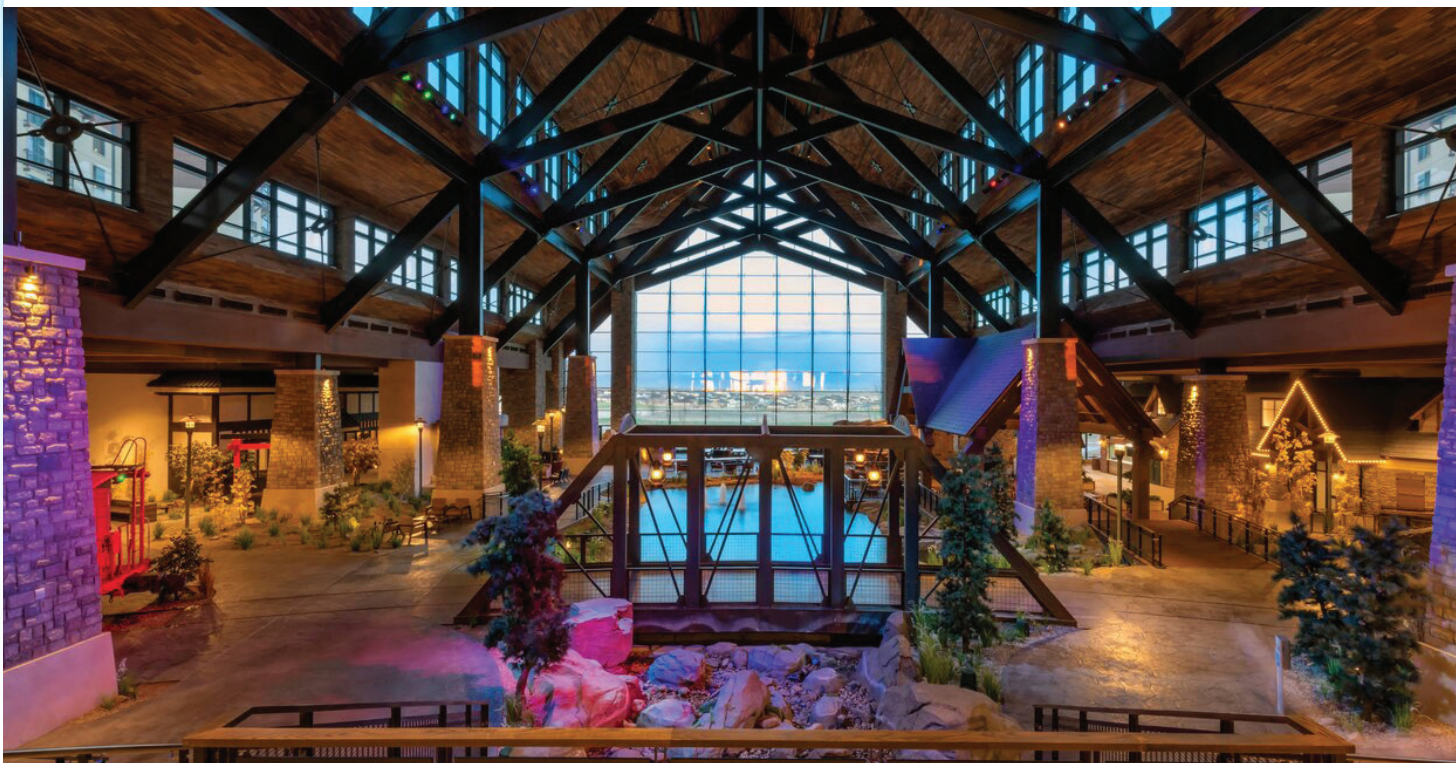
Virtual Show Hours (Mountain Time, all hours subject to change)

Monday, July 26

- 7:00am – 8:00am
- 9:15am – 9:45am
- 12:15pm – 1:30pm
- 2:15pm – 2:45pm

Tuesday, July 27

- 7:00am – 8:00am
- 9:00am – 9:30am
- 10:30am – 11:15am
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS LOUNGE

Format: **Virtual** and **In-Person**

The Community Connections Lounge convenes virtual and in-person participants in small group discussions during scheduled times each day of the event. Attendees informally discuss issues important to the profession in an engaging format without presentations.

MIND BODY + SOUL EVENT

Format: **Virtual** and **In-Person**

The Mind, Body + Soul sessions will help virtual and in-person participants stay focused, motivated, and healthy. There will be three virtual Mind (meditation), Body (yoga) and Soul (connecting to other participants) events throughout the event.

WALKING CHALLENGE

Format: **Virtual** and **In-Person**

The Walking Challenge offers dynamic in-person and virtual experiences to incorporate wellness during the event. To participate, participants download an app, register and pair it with their step tracker, such as Fitbit, Garmins, and smart watches. Participants will compete to win prizes, and a Walking Challenge Coach will encourage attendees to walk. Leaderboards will track top walkers.

SUMMER CHAPTER LEADER SUMMIT

Format: **Virtual** and **In-Person**

Registration: additional reg fee \$35, Members Only

Chapter leaders will come together to share ideas, learn from one another, and network to gain new perspectives on enhancing their local chapter.



ADDITIONAL EVENTS

VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

Format: **Virtual**

Come with an updated résumé and prepare to find new opportunities in the field of contract management. The career fair is open and free to all contract management professionals that are interested—World Congress registration not required.

OPENING WELCOME RECEPTION

Format: **Virtual** and **In-Person**

Kick off World Congress by catching up with colleague's both in-person and virtual participants and enjoy the sounds of a local Colorado band. The in-person participants will enjoy tasting the local flavors and connecting with new and old participants while the virtual participants can view a live stream of entertainment and messages from the main stage while also selecting virtual tables to meet other virtual participants via group video chats.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION

Format: **In-Person**

New to World Congress and NCMA? If you registered as a nonmember, a one-year NCMA membership is included with your registration fee. Meet other first-time attendees and new members who joined within the last year at a welcome reception to kick-off World Congress.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS RECEPTION

Format: **In-Person**

Attendees under 35 are invited to engage with other young professionals and grow a strong peer and professional network within the community.

DINE-AROUNDS

Format: **In-Person**

NCMA will organize dine-around groups of 6-8 people for dinner at various restaurants around Aurora. Each will be hosted by someone from NCMA HQ or the NCMA Denver Chapter, but please be aware everyone is responsible for their own tab. Sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis and will open by late-June, open to all In-Person registrants.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Format: **In-Person**

We are supporting National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD)

Brief Description:

Located in Winter Park, CO, the National Sports Center for the Disabled is a world leader in creating and providing adaptive outdoor recreation experiences. As one of the largest and most comprehensive providers of adaptive experiences, we use the power of innovation, recreation and Colorado's great outdoors to improve access, opportunities and possibilities for people living with disabilities.

