

Demetrius D. Kittrell

Demetrius D. Kittrell realized early in life he had a passion for leadership and management. After 10 years in the consumer retail sector, he decided to make a professional transition, applying his leadership experience and dynamic customer service skills to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As an employee at the VA, Demetrius worked as an 1102 contract specialist servicing the Georgia and South Carolina regions. He supported the local hospitals and clinics within the VISN 07 region and provided expert advice to the facilities along with direct management of area-wide contracts that covered supplies and service.

Demetrius attended an NCMA networking event several years ago that positioned him to begin his career within the government. Attending these events provided him with access to government resource personnel, small and large business representatives, and ultimately elevated his career. NCMA also provided professional and personal opportunities and created a host of networking platforms for him to establish ongoing relationships. Demetrius was pleased to serve as a supportive member until becoming an officer for NCMA four years ago. Since then, NCMA has provided him with many opportunities to learn from others, work with groups from other agencies, and help drive changes within the contracting profession itself. NCMA has provided him with the support and knowledge base to continue his career with the Veterans Health Administration as an 1102 contract specialist, leading to his selection for the Contracting Management Leadership Development Program (CMLDP).

In addition to working for HHS, today Demetrius serves proudly as the advancing committee chairman with the responsibility of providing a platform to people who are considering entering the contracting field. Whether it's conferences, training, networking, personal development, or a desire to give back, there is a little something for everyone in NCMA. Demetrius is excited to see what the future holds within NCMA not only for himself, but what it holds for all members of NCMA and of the profession of government contracting itself.