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President's Corner



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Happy New Year everyone! Hope all had an enjoyable holiday season. Now, back to work!

We have hit the ground running! Scholarships are being worked (see pg 4), call for awards has been sent to the community and lots of fundraising opportunities (see pg 3).

Speaking of fundraising, a big thank you to all who helped with the gift wrapping! I know it is hard that time of year to add something else, so you guys ROCK!

In addition to all the other work we are doing, planning for Mini PDI is underway. This effort is being led by John Feagin so let him know if you can help (I'm sure he is going to send out a "HELP" soon). Also, if you have any ideas on what can be improved, please contact John. But be warned, if you are going to suggest improvements, you will need to help 😊

Community service has not stopped now that the holidays are over! We have many opportunities to help out with the Chapter's charities. Please see pg 8.

Let's make a New Year's resolution to attend the monthly programs. Our programs team is working really hard to bring information that is valuable and relevant. If you have any suggestions, please get with the programs team. See pg 3.

Hope to see you around this year...

- Lisa Gamon, ASMC President

MINUTES: Executive Council

The ASMC Executive Committee meeting minutes are posted on the Gulf Coast Chapter webpage. To review them, please go to the website:

<http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/> and click on the tab marked "Minutes" along the top.



Upcoming Events



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JANUARY LUNCHEON

When: 21 Jan at 11:30am
Where: Bayview Club - Ballroom, Eglin AFB
What: The Contract Award Process and How FM Plays a Role

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

When: 18 Feb at 11:00am
Where: Clemenza's, FWB
What: CPTS Re-org
Who: Mr. Graber

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>

WAYS AND MEANS - FUNDRAISING

What: Ice Flyer vs Ice Gators Hockey Game
When: 21 March @ 7:05pm
Where: Pensacola Bay Center (formerly Civic Center)

Please contact Mika Gellinger 882-8650, if you would like to purchase or help sell tickets. **ASMC will profit \$5 per ticket sold!** Cost of tickets are discounted at \$18 center ice.



Education



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The Education Committee has begun soliciting chapter members, college students and high school seniors for 2014-2015 scholarship awards. Chapter member's scholarships are limited to college students in academic disciplines relating to financial management who are seeking either an undergraduate degree or a postgraduate degree.

An official transcript must be submitted with the application. Non-chapter member scholarships are limited to high school seniors and college students in academic disciplines relating to financial/resource management (such as business administration, economics, public administration, accounting, or finance) who are seeking an undergraduate degree. College students must have at least 2 years (60 semester hours) of college, or will have 60 hours completed by the end of their spring 2015 semester. An official transcript must be submitted (for college students only).

Applicants will be required to submit applications via mail or email NLT May 8, 2015. Visit the chapter Education page at <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html> for more details.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is available to individuals who are actively employed in military comptrollership, as active duty or civilian personnel for DoD or USCG.

Associate membership is available for those who don't meet the qualifications but are currently employed in a defense related financial management field.

Employees of private sector companies who are interested in ASMC membership may join under the corporate membership program.

New military members E1-E4 and civilian GS1-GS7 can be reimbursed for half of their yearly membership fee. *New members only.* I will be providing information about upcoming membership drives and other activities as they are planned.

To register to become a new member, please visit the ASMC Website (Pg 8).

Chair: Lindsey Stephan, 883-1609, lindsey.stephan@us.af.mil



CDFM



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The FY15 EDFMT course scheduled for 5-9 Jan 2015 was full. If you haven't had the chance to register for the summer class 3-7 Aug 2015 please access ATRRS (<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>) and register as soon as possible. There are only 18 slots available.

CDFM Testing Sample Questions

The chapter published CDFM Module 2 , Budget and Cost Analysis to include (1) Defense Budget Process (60%), (2) Cost and Economic Analysis (20%) , (3) Business Management Process Improvement (10%), (4) and Fiscal Law (10%) sample questions in the Dec 2014 newsletter. Take a few minutes to review the answers for Module 2 Budget and Cost Analysis and the answers below. Were you surprised by how many you answer correctly based upon your day-to-day knowledge working within the DoD and USAF? Sample questions for CDFM Module 3 Accounting and Finance will be available in the Feb 2015 newsletter.

Module 2 Sample Study Questions:

1. What are the 3 major phases of the PPBE?
2. What is the title of the final document of the planning phase?
3. One method to issue obligations is through a MIPR. What is another way?
4. Monies not appropriated by Congress that are generated primarily from the sale of goods and services are known as what?
5. Cost savings, cost avoidance and productivity improvement are recognized as what type of benefits?

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CDFM



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6. What are three cost estimating approaches?
 7. Which report will each agency head submit to the President and Congress annually no later than Nov 15?
 8. What is another source of funds (other than typical DoD appropriations) besides agricultural and grazing leases, fish and wildlife, and sale and out lease?
 9. What is the process aimed at shifting functions and responsibilities, in whole or in part, from the Government to the private sector?
 10. What is the process of measuring and comparing one's performance against "best-in-class" organizations?
- **Congratulations to our newest CDFM awardees: Ann Tipton CDFM, Robert Turpin CDFM, Capt Jessi Pitts CDFM-A.**
 - To view a list of Gulf Coast Chapter CDFM awarded go to <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/cdfm-awarded/> and search by chapter.
 - We currently have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available.

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Community Service



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RELAY FOR LIFE:

- Theme for this year's Relay for Life event will be BOARD GAMES!
- Now is the time to sign up if you would like to participate with the ASMC Relay for Life team (Comptrollers for a Cause)
http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15FL?pg=entry&fr_id=63748
- Save the Dates:
 - Feb - Relay meeting will be held on 26 Feb 15 (Bldg 11 Rm 262 @1100). (Coupon books will be distributed.)
 - March - Our team will be hosting fundraisers at Joe's Crab Shack in Destin every Thursday in March.
 - April - Relay for Life will also hosting a yard sale on 4 April at Niceville Bayou Plaza. If you have items you would like to donate please contact Roger Kendall or Dedra Hickman.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tasting of Champions is Friday, January 30th from 6-8pm

Volunteers are to arrive at the Hilton Sandestin, Emerald Ballroom and check-in with DCWAF at 5:15pm (this will allow the pourers to receive proper instruction and learn about the wines they are pouring). Dress code is ALL BLACK (black pants/shorts, black shirts/top, black dresses, and black skirts are all acceptable. No large company logos permitted). All volunteers will be required to stand for 2+ hours.

Please make sure to submit any volunteer hours to Rob Turpin or Deb Privette. We are almost at our goal for the year!

Community Service Chairs:

Rob Turpin, Co-chair, robert.turpin.2@us.af.mil, 883-5332

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We're on FACEBOOK!

We are pleased to announce that our Chapter's **Facebook** page is up and running! We will utilize this venue to share announcements of events and praises going on throughout our chapter. If you would like to submit a picture to share on the Chapter Facebook page, please email it to, gulfcoast.asmc@gmail.com, and be sure to include a caption. Pictures must be related to Chapter members/events. Be sure to like our page! <https://m.facebook.com/gulfcoast.asmc>.

ASMC WEBSITES

ASMC National Headquarters website is: <http://www.asmcnline.org/>
Gulf Coast Chapter website is: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>

We are looking for new ideas to include on our webpage. Please contact our webmasters Jason Guzzardo (882-7595) or David Loch (882-0057) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

NATIONAL NEWS

National PDI 2015 will be held in New Orleans, LA.

Please take advantage of other opportunities to fulfill your required CDFM CPEs to include local chapter training events, programs offered through the Online Learning Center, such as the recent Sequestration webinar, PDI 2011-2014 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

Use the link found on www.asmcnline.org to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.



The 10 Categories Where Federal Agencies Spend the Most on Contracting

by GovExec Staff, Jan 8, 2015, govexec.com



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For the last several months, the Obama administration has trumpeted its initiative to simplify the federal acquisition process.

The main component of that overhaul is “[category management](#)” -- sorting agencies’ purchases into the most common groups of products and services. The General Services Administration is currently developing a website to help procurement officers, called the “common acquisition platform.”

The platform will serve as the single access point for agencies looking to purchase goods or services from those categories, each of which will have its own “hallway” of product options, as well as digital services offering advice and information, such as industry trends and existing contract vehicles.

GSA and the other six largest and highest-spending agencies, known as the Strategic Sourcing Leadership Council, met last month to move the development of the acquisition overhaul forward. In a [blog post](#) Wednesday, Anne Rung, the White House’s Federal Procurement Policy Office administrator and Tom Sharpe, the Federal Acquisition Service commissioner, spelled out what the categories might look like.

Once the online portal is fully operational, Rung and Sharpe said category management will provide “a new and transparent view of the fragmented federal acquisition landscape that will help drive the government to buy and act as one.” Ultimately, they expect the changes to lead to more informed decision making and, in turn, dramatic savings for agencies and taxpayers. The categories below, listed by amount spent across government, cost agencies \$277 billion in fiscal 2013.

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1. **Facilities and Construction: \$72.1B.** Includes construction and building materials and services, as well as real estate purchasing and leases.
2. **Professional Services: \$64.4B.** The broadest of the proposed categories, this includes legal, financial and marketing services, public relations and technical expertise.
3. **Information Technology: \$47.4B.** Includes software, hardware, consulting, security and outsourcing, as well as telecommunications.
4. **Transportation and Logistics Services: \$34.1B.** Includes package delivery, logistics support, motor vehicles and fuel, among other things.
5. **Medical: \$33.2B.** Includes pharmaceuticals, health care services and medical equipment.
6. **Industrial Products and Services: \$11.8B.** A catch-all category for tools, machinery and maintenance.
7. **Security and Protection: \$4.8B.** Includes systems, services and animals.
8. **Human Capital: \$3.6B.** Includes educational services, vocational training and human resources investments.
9. **Travel and Lodging: \$3.6B.** Contracts for passenger travel and accommodations would fall into this category.
10. **Office Management: \$2.1B.** This category would include products such as furniture and office supplies.