



UPDATE

October 2025



NEW Virtual Instructor Lead Training (VILT) Posted!

We have refreshed the *Contracts* virtual instructor lead training (VILT) recording.

It's posted on the [Buyer Training, eVA Guides page](#) of the eVA website.

Interested in attending a VILT? Check out the schedule for 2026.
[Sigh-up for a VILT session!](#)



Forum 2025 eVA Sessions

Forum 2025 is quickly approaching November 17-19 in Virginia Beach. This is always an exiting time for our team, because we get to connect with our users in person!

Our sessions will be located in Suite 1ab, and as always, space is limited, so plan accordingly!

Stop by and see us during the **Supplier Connect at booth ES-4**.

[Forum 2025 Schedule At-A-Glance](#)

FORUM2025 SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE							
Session No.	Suite 1ab*	Suite 1cd*	Suite 2	Suite 3*	Suite 4	Suite 5*	Tower Cafe
Sunday, Nov 16				Registration and Forum Café: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM / Open Salsa Lesson: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM			‘Meet the App’
Monday, Nov 17				Buyer Registration: 7:30 AM – 4:40 PM / Supplier Registration: 7:30 PM – 4:40 PM			
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	M00: Opening Keynote: Carla Johnson - The Muse and the Machine: How Human Creativity Propels an AI World Forward / Welcome Remarks: Pete Stamps – Ballroom 1 - 3						
Concurrent Sessions 1: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	M05: eVA Update Shane Caudill, eVA	M06: Modernized Approach to Supply Chain Mgmt. Evan Davis & Mary Lou Bulger, VITA	M01: Construction and A/E Professional Services Procurement Lite Mike Coppo, DEB	M02: The Future is Now: Shaping Surplus for Tomorrow's Needs Floyd Coburn, Surplus	M03: What's New with PCR? Brix Driskill, PCR & Team	M04: Data-Driven Decisions in Public Procurement Julia McIlroy, NASPO	
Concurrent Sessions 2: 11:40 AM – 12:40 PM	M11: eVA Interface/Integration Overview Joel Padov, DGS ISS	M12: Risk and Pitfalls in IT Contracting Liz Candler & Melissa Mutter, VITA	M07: Exploring Statewide Contracts, Facts & Findings Brandon Amsel & Anna Crook, DPS	M08: Fostering Resilience During Times of Change Jim Burke & Linda Pierce, TECconsulting	M09: Fleet – Feast or Famine Beth Cooley, OFMS	M10: Building Trust Babs Bengtson	
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM				Lunch: Ballroom 1 - 3			
Concurrent Sessions 3: 2:10 PM – 3:10 PM	M17: eVA Receiving Miranda Bowling, eVA	M18: IT Sourcing Process: From Strategic to Tactical Kayla Anderson, Matt Prittinger, & Renee Tab, VITA	M13: Career Guide for Procurement Professionals Todd Slater, NISIP & Jennifer Hudgins, VIP	M14: Construction and A/E Professional Services Procurement Lite Mike Coppo, DEB	M15: Building Trust Babs Bengtson	M16: VDC Updates Andy Repak, VDC	Supplier Info Session 2:10 - 2:35 PM: M51 2:40 - 3:05 PM: M52
Concurrent Sessions 4: 3:40 PM – 4:40 PM	M23: eVA Buyer User Group Kim Pritchett, Tony Jordan & eVA Team	M24: Statement of Work (SOW) "ABCs" Liz Candler & Jeanne Mertens, VITA	M19: How to Write a Winning Proposal Lynda Stafford, SCORE	M20: The Roadmap to Successful Procurement Jody Cleven & Emily Quigley, NC DOA	M21: Procurement MythBusters - Buyer/Supplier Support DBSBD & Team	M22: Fleet – Feast or Famine Beth Cooley, OFMS	Supplier Info Session 3:40 - 4:05 PM: M53 4:10 - 4:35 PM: M54
Tuesday, Nov 18			Supplier Registration: 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM / Buyer Registration: 8:00 AM – 4:45 PM				
Workshop Session 1: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM							
Concurrent Sessions 1: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	T05: eVA Update Shane Caudill, eVA	T06: Spotlighting VITA's Statewide Contract Offerings Larry White, Sarah Hicks, & Jeanne Mertens, VITA	T01: VRS Overview Audrey Macklin, VRS	T02: AI Workshop Seth Mottison, Carla Johnson, & Dan Chuparoff	T03: Mindset Matters – Empowering Procurement to Move Forward Stephanie Burton, Smart Leadership Solutions, LLC	T04: The Who, What, How, and Why of VCE Michael Strange & Philip Gruber, VCE	Supplier Info Session 8:30 - 8:55 AM: T51 9:00 - 9:25 AM: T52
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Supplier Connect [10:00 AM – 1:00 PM]: Exhibit Hall A – B / Matchmaking Event [9:30 AM – 1:00 PM]: Hall D (Matchmaking intro 9:30 -10:00 AM)						Let's Go with LEGO! Registration Area
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM			Lunch: Ballroom 1 - 3, Hall C				
Workshop Session 2: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM							
Concurrent Sessions 2: 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	T11: eVA Supplier Overview Kim Pritchett & Lakeia White, eVA	T12: An Overview of the IT Contingent Labor Program Diane Horvath, VITA & Christy Butcher, CAI	T07: AI Workshop Seth Mottison, Carla Johnson & Dan Chuparoff	T08: Career Guide for Procurement Professionals Todd Slater, NISIP & Jennifer Hudgins, VIP	T09: Data-driven Decisions in Public Procurement Julia McIlroy, NASPO	T10: Crucial Conversations in Procurement – Turning Tension into Opportunity Sherida Haughton	Supplier Info Session 2:15 - 2:40 PM: T53
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Wednesday, Nov 19			Registration: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM				
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11:10 AM – 12:30 PM	W00: Closing Keynote: Manley Feinberg - Exponential Commitment™ Build Breakthrough Momentum in the Storm of Chaos & Uncertainty / DBSBD Awards – Live: Meeting Room 1, Simulcast: Meeting Rooms 2 - 5						



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