

# eVA 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.  
[Sign-up for a VILT session!](#)



## Forum 2025 eVA Sessions

Forum 2025 is quickly approaching November 17-19 in Virginia Beach. This is always an exciting 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](#)

	Suite 1ab*	Suite 1cd*	Suite 2	Suite 3*	Suite 4	Suite 5*	Tower Cafe
Capacity	200	100	100	100	100	100	40
<b>Sunday, Nov 16</b>	Registration and Forum Café: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM / Open Salva Lesson: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM						'Meet the App'
<b>Monday, Nov 17</b>	Buyer Registration: 7:30 AM – 4:40 PM / Supplier Registration: 1:30 PM – 4:40 PM						
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>M00: Opening Keynote:</b> Carla Johnson - The Muse and the Machine: How Human Creativity Propels an AI World Forward / <b>Welcome Remarks:</b> Pete Stamps – Ballroom 1 - 3						
Concurrent Sessions 1: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>M05: eVA Update</b> Shane Caudill, eVA	<b>M06: Modernized Approach to Supply Chain Mgmt.</b> Evan Davis & Mary Lou Bulger, VITA	<b>M01: Construction and A/E Professional Services Procurement Lite</b> Mike Coppo, DEB	<b>M02: The Future is Now: Shaping Surplus for Tomorrow's Needs</b> Rloyd Coburn, Surplus	<b>M03: What's New with PCR?</b> Brix Driskill, PCR & Team	<b>M04: Data-Driven Decisions in Public Procurement</b> Julia McIlroy, NASPO	
Concurrent Sessions 2: 11:40 AM – 12:40 PM	<b>M11: eVA Interface/Integration Overview</b> Joel Padaw, DGS ISS	<b>M12: Risk and Pitfalls in IT Contracting</b> Liz Candler & Melissa Mutter, VITA	<b>M07: Exploring Statewide Contracts, Facts &amp; Findings</b> Brandon Amsel & Anna Croak, DPS	<b>M08: Fostering Resilience During Times of Change</b> Jim Burke & Linda Pierce, TEOconsulting	<b>M09: Fleet – Feast or Famine</b> Beth Cooley, OFMS	<b>M10: Building Trust</b> Babs Bengtson	
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Lunch: Ballroom 1 - 3</b>						
Concurrent Sessions 3: 2:10 PM – 3:10 PM	<b>M17: eVA Receiving</b> Miranda Bowling, eVA	<b>M18: IT Sourcing Process: From Strategic to Tactical</b> Kayla Anderson, Matt Pritzinger, & Renee Tob, VITA	<b>M13: Career Guide for Procurement Professionals</b> Todd Slater, NISP & Jennifer Hudgins, VIP	<b>M14: Construction and A/E Professional Services Procurement Lite</b> Mike Coppo, DEB	<b>M15: Building Trust</b> Babs Bengtson	<b>M16: VDC Updates</b> Andy Repak, VDC	Supplier Info Session 2:10 - 2:35 PM: MS1 2:40 - 3:05 PM: MS2
Concurrent Sessions 4: 3:40 PM – 4:40 PM	<b>M23: eVA Buyer User Group</b> Kim Pritchett, Tony Jordan & eVA Team	<b>M24: Statement of Work (SOW) "ABCs"</b> Liz Candler & Jeanne Mertens, VITA	<b>M19: How to Write a Winning Proposal</b> Lynda Stafford, SCORE	<b>M20: The Roadmap to Successful Procurement</b> Jody Cleven & Emily Quigley, NC DOA	<b>M21: Procurement MythBusters - Buyer/Supplier Support</b> DSBSD & Team	<b>M22: Fleet – Feast or Famine</b> Beth Cooley, OFMS	Supplier Info Session 3:40 - 4:05 PM: MS3 4:10 - 4:35 PM: MS4
<b>Tuesday, Nov 18</b>	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				<b>T02: AI Workshop</b> Seth Mattison, Carla Johnson, & Dan Chuparkoff	<b>T03: Mindset Matters – Empowering Procurement to Move Forward</b> Stephanie Burton, Smart Leadership Solutions, LLC	<b>T04: The Who, What, How, and Why of VCE</b> Michael Strange & Philip Draner, VCE	Supplier Info Session 8:30 - 8:55 AM: TS1 9:00 - 9:25 AM: TS2
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	<b>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)</b>						Let's GO with LEGO! Registration Area
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Lunch: Ballroom 1 – 3, Hall C</b>						
Workshop Session 2: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM			<b>T07: AI Workshop</b> Seth Mattison, Carla Johnson & Dan Chuparkoff	<b>T08: Career Guide for Procurement Professionals</b> Todd Slater, NISP & Jennifer Hudgins, VIP	<b>T09: Data-Driven Decisions in Public Procurement</b> Julia McIlroy, NASPO	<b>T10: Crucial Conversations in Procurement – Turning Tension into Opportunity</b> Sherida Houghton	Supplier Info Session 2:15 - 2:40 PM: TS3
Concurrent Sessions 2: 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	<b>T11: eVA Supplier Overview</b> Kim Pritchett & Lokeia White, eVA	<b>T12: An Overview of the IT Contingent Labor Program</b> Diane Horvath, VITA & Christy Butcher, CAI					
Concurrent Sessions 3: 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM	<b>T17: eVA Password: Buyers &amp; Suppliers</b> eVA Team	<b>T18: Statement of Work (SOW) "ABCs"</b> Liz Candler & Jeanne Mertens, VITA	<b>T13: The Roadmap to Successful Procurement</b> Jody Cleven & Emily Quigley, NC DOA	<b>T14: How to Write a Winning Proposal</b> Lynda Stafford, SCORE	<b>T15: The Who, What, How, and Why of VCE</b> Michael Strange & Philip Draner, VCE	<b>T16: Procurement MythBusters - Buyer/Supplier Support</b> DSBSD & Team	<b>T19: VCM Networking</b> Andrea Simmons, VDOT
<b>Wednesday, Nov 19</b>	Registration: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM						
Concurrent Sessions 1: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>W05: eVA Password: Buyers &amp; Suppliers</b> eVA Team	<b>W06: Spotlights VITA's Statewide Contract Offerings</b> Larry White, Sarah Hicks, & Jeanne Mertens, VITA	<b>W01: Fostering Resilience During Times of Change</b> Jim Burke & Linda Pierce, TEOconsulting	<b>W02: Exploring Statewide Contracts, Facts &amp; Findings</b> Brandon Amsel & Anna Croak, DPS	<b>W03: Communicate to Break Government Stereotypes</b> Laura Fitzpatrick, Chesapeake	<b>W04: What's New with PCR?</b> Brix Driskill & Team	Supplier Info Session 8:30 - 8:55 AM: WS1 9:00 - 9:25 AM: WS2
Concurrent Sessions 2: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	<b>W11: eVA User Group: Supplier Addition!</b> Kim Pritchett, Tony Jordan & eVA Team	<b>W12: Agile Sourcing: Transforming Public Sector IT Procurement</b> Shabreen Vijayan & Andrew Bartlett, VITA	<b>W07: The Future is Now: Shaping Surplus for Tomorrow's Needs</b> Rloyd Coburn, Surplus	<b>W08: VRS Overview</b> Audrey Macklin, VRS	<b>W09: VDC Updates</b> Andy Repak, VDC	<b>W10: Communicate to Break Government Stereotypes</b> Laura Fitzpatrick, Chesapeake	Supplier Info Session 10:00 - 10:25 AM: WS3 10:30 - 10:55 AM: WS4
11:10 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>W00: Closing Keynote: Marley Feinberg - Exponential Commitment™ Build Breakthrough Momentum in the Storm of Chaos &amp; Uncertainty / D58SD Awards – Live: Meeting Room 1, Simulcast: Meeting Rooms 2 - 5</b>						



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