

# FORUM2025 SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

	Suite 1ab*	Suite 1cd*	Suite 2	Suite 3*	Suite 4	Suite 5*	Tower Cafe
Capacity	120	120	160	168	168	168	40
<b>Sunday, Nov 16</b>	<b>Registration and Forum Café: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM / Open Salsa Lesson: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM</b>						<b>'Meet the App'</b>
<b>Monday, Nov 17</b>	<b>Buyer Registration: 7:30 AM – 4:40 PM / Supplier Registration: 1:30 PM – 4:40 PM</b>						
<b>8:30 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>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</b>						
Concurrent Sessions 1: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>M05: eVA Update</b> <i>Shane Caudill, eVA</i>	<b>M06: Modernized Approach to Supply Chain Mgmt.</b> <i>Evan Davis &amp; Mary Lou Bulger, VITA</i>	<b>M01: Construction and A/E Professional Services Procurement Lite</b> <i>Mike Coppa, DEB</i>	<b>M02: The Future is Now: Shaping Surplus for Tomorrow's Needs</b> <i>Floyd Coburn, Surplus</i>	<b>M03: What's New with PCR?</b> <i>Brix Driskill, PCR &amp; Team</i>	<b>M04: Data-Driven Decisions in Public Procurement</b> <i>Julia McIlroy, NASPO</i>	
Concurrent Sessions 2: 11:40 AM – 12:40 PM	<b>M11: eVA Interface/Integration Overview</b> <i>Joel Padow, DGS ISS</i>	<b>M12: Risks and pitfalls in IT contracting</b> <i>Liz Candler &amp; Melissa Mutter, VITA</i>	<b>M07: Exploring DPS Statewide Contracts, Facts &amp; Findings</b> <i>Brandon Amsel &amp; Anna Croak, DPS</i>	<b>M08: Fostering Resilience During Times of Change</b> <i>Jim Burke &amp; Linda Pierce, TEOconsulting</i>	<b>M09: Fleet – Feast or Famine</b> <i>Beth Cooley, OFMS</i>	<b>M10: Trust Me</b> <i>Babs Bengtson, 2B Your Best, LLC</i>	
<b>12:45 PM – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch: Ballroom 1 - 3</b>						
Concurrent Sessions 3: 2:10 PM – 3:10 PM	<b>M17: eVA Invoicing Update</b> <i>Miranda Bowling, eVA</i>	<b>M18: IT Sourcing Process</b> <i>Kayla Anderson, Matt Fritzinger, &amp; Renee Tab, VITA</i>	<b>M13: Career Guide for Procurement Professionals</b> <i>Todd Slater, NIGP &amp; Jennifer Hudgins, VIP</i>	<b>M14: Construction and A/E Professional Services Procurement Lite</b> <i>Mike Coppa, DEB</i>	<b>M15: Trust Me</b> <i>Babs Bengtson, 2B Your Best, LLC</i>	<b>M16: Arrrrrrgh you ready? VDC Updates</b> <i>Andy Repak, VDC</i>	<b>Supplier Info Session</b> <b>2:10 - 2:35 PM: MS1</b> <b>2:40 - 3:05 PM: MS2</b>
Concurrent Sessions 4: 3:40 PM – 4:40 PM	<b>M23: eVA Buyer User Group (BUG Meeting)</b> <i>Kim Pritchett, Tony Jordan &amp; eVA Team</i>	<b>M24: Statement of Work (SOW) "ABCs"</b> <i>Liz Candler &amp; Jeanne Mertens, VITA</i>	<b>M19: How to Write a Winning Proposal</b> <i>Lynda Stafford, SCORE</i>	<b>M20: The Roadmap to Successful Procurement</b> <i>Jody Cleven &amp; Emily Quigley, NC DOA</i>	<b>M21: Procurement MythBusters - Buyer/Supplier Support</b> <i>DSBSD &amp; Team</i>	<b>M22: Fleet – Feast or Famine</b> <i>Beth Cooley, OFMS</i>	<b>Supplier Info Session</b> <b>3:40 - 4:05 PM: MS3</b> <b>4:10 - 4:35 PM: MS4</b>
<b>Tuesday, Nov 18</b>	<b>Supplier Registration: 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM / Buyer Registration: 8:00 AM – 4:45 PM</b>						
Workshop Session 1: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM				<b>T02: The Power of Innovation: AI in Procurement Workshop</b> <i>Seth Mattison, Carla Johnson, &amp; Dan Chuparkoff</i>	<b>T03: Mindset Matters — Empowering Procurement to Move Forward Workshop</b> <i>Stephanie Burton, Smart Leadership Solutions, LLC</i>		
Concurrent Sessions 1: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>T05: eVA Update</b> <i>Shane Caudill, eVA</i>	<b>T06: Spotighting VITA's Statewide Contract Offerings</b> <i>Larry White, Sarah Hicks, &amp; Jeanne Mertens, VITA</i>	<b>T01: VRS Overview</b> <i>Audrey Macklin, VRS</i>			<b>T04: The Who, What, How, and Why of VCE</b> <i>Michael Strange &amp; Philip Graner, VCE</i>	<b>Supplier Info Session</b> <b>8:30 - 8:55 AM: TS1</b> <b>9:00 - 9:25 AM: TS2</b>
<b>10:00 AM – 1:00 PM</b>	<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>						<b>Let's GO with LEGO!</b> Registration Area
<b>12:30 PM – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch: Ballroom 1 – 3, Hall C</b>						
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Concurrent Sessions 2: 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	<b>T11: eVA Supplier Overview</b> <i>Kim Pritchett &amp; Lakeia White, eVA</i>	<b>T12: An Overview of the IT Contingent Labor Program</b> <i>Diane Horvath, VITA &amp; Christy Butcher, CAI</i>		<b>T08: Career Guide for Procurement Professionals</b> <i>Todd Slater, NIGP &amp; Jennifer Hudgins, VIP</i>	<b>T09: Data-Driven Decisions in Public Procurement</b> <i>Julia McIlroy, NASPO</i>		<b>Supplier Info Session</b> <b>2:15 - 2:40 PM: TS3</b>
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<b>Wednesday, Nov 19</b>	<b>Registration: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>						
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<b>11:10 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>W00: Closing Keynote: Manley Feinberg - Exponential Commitment™ Build Breakthrough Momentum in the Storm of Chaos &amp; Uncertainty / DSBSD Awards – Live: Suite 3, Simulcast: Suites 1, 2, 4, &amp; 5</b>						