

VA



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Accountability | Customer Service | Transformation

2019

Acquisition
Workforce
Innovation
Symposium

Gaylord Texan Convention Center
Grapevine, Texas



December 17-18, 2019

Monday – December 16th thru Thursday December 19th “Agenda at a Glance”

Monday December 16th, 2019:

- 2:00PM – 8:00PM – Shuttle Service from DFW Airport to Gaylord Texan
- 2:00PM – 8:00PM – General Registration (Texas Pre-function Area)
- 3:00PM – 8:00PM – Office of Strategic Sourcing (OSS) Strategic Summit – Opening Session (Texas Ballroom C)



Registration



Tuesday December 17th, 2019:

- 08:00AM – 09:00AM – AWIS Main Stage Plenary Sessions (Texas Ballroom A)
- 09:00AM – 12:00PM – General Breakout Sessions
- 12:00PM – 01:00PM – Lunch
\$16 Hot & Box Lunches Available
(Texas Pre-function Area)
- 01:15PM – 05:00PM – General Breakout Sessions
- 05:00PM – 07:00PM – **Happy Hour & Networking with VA's Acquisition Executives** (Texas Pre-function Area **Cash Bar**)



Wednesday December 18th, 2019:

- 08:00AM – 09:00AM – AWIS Main Stage Plenary Sessions (Texas Ballroom A)
- 09:15AM – 10:00AM – **HCA Employee Engagement Sessions**
- 10:15AM – 12:00PM – General Breakout Sessions
- 12:00PM – 01:00PM – Lunch –
\$16 Hot & Box Lunches Available
(Texas Pre-function Area)
- 01:15PM – 05:00PM – General Breakout Sessions
- 05:30PM – 08:30PM – Shuttle Service from the Gaylord Texan to DFW Airport



Thursday December 19th, 2019:

- 05:00AM – 01:00PM – Shuttle Service from the Gaylord Texan to DFW Airport
- 08:00AM – 11:00AM – Office of Strategic Sourcing (OSS) Strategic Summit – Closing Session (Texas Ballroom C)
- 08:00AM – 05:00PM – VHA Procurement – Directors of Contracting Meeting (Texas Ballroom D)



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“AGENDA”


Main Stage (Texas Ballroom A)

- 08:00AM **Opening Ceremonies –**
Mr. Phil Christy, Deputy Executive Director
for the Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction (OALC)
& The AWIS Master of Ceremonies
- 08:15AM **Main Stage Welcome –**
“We Will ACT!” Accountability, Customer Service & Transformation
Ms. Karen Brazell, VA’s Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO)
- 08:30AM **Opening Keynote –**
“The Journey of a Veteran”
Mr. Charles Eggleston, U.S. Army Retired
Director, President, and CEO, Three Seven Consulting
- 09:00AM **Refreshment Break, Visit Exhibits & Network**
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General Breakout Sessions:


Track 1: Acquisition & Contracting Hot Topics (Texas Ballroom C)



- 10:15AM Get Ahead of the Movement: Intelligent Automation
- 11:15AM How VA is Embracing IT Modernization: FITARA
- 12:00PM **Lunch & Visit Exhibits**
- 01:15PM Fighting Fraud: How Companies are Defrauding VA and What We Can Do About It!
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Track 2: Contracting, CORs, and PMs: The Acquisition Lifecycle Partners (Texas Ballroom D)



- 10:15AM Acquisition Lifecycle Framework (ALF) Focus Session
- 11:15AM Improving Industry Participation: Proper Technical Evaluation and Source Selection
- 12:00PM **Lunch & Visit Exhibits**
- 01:15PM Disciplined Agile
- 02:15PM Acquisition Lifecycle Framework (ALF) Focus Session
- 03:15PM Managing Risk in Acquisition from a Program Management Perspective
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Track 3: Teaming for Excellence in Acquisition Management (TEAM) (Grapevine Ballroom A)



- 10:15AM GAO High Risk and Contracting Officer Workload Challenges
- 11:15AM Government-wide Acquisition Solutions on the Acquisition Gateway
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Track 4: Improving Business Operations & Productivity (Grapevine Ballroom B)



- 10:15AM Pro-tips: Increase Systems Knowledge and Get More out of VA Federal Supply Schedules
- 11:15AM Feeling Overworked? How SAC Can Help Make Your Requirements Faster, Better, Easier!
- 12:00PM **Lunch & Visit Exhibits**
- 01:15PM Integrated Finance and Acquisition Management System (iFAMS)
- 02:15PM What Do You Think? An Introduction to Systems Thinking
- 03:15PM Intellectual Property and Data Rights Considerations
- 04:15PM Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS)
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Track 5: The Acquisition Sandbox Environment (Grapevine Ballroom D)



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Track 6: Advancing CEO's: Career Expanding Opportunities (Grapevine Ballroom C)



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- 08:10AM **Main Stage Discussion –**
VA’s Acquisition Lifecycle Framework (ALF)
Dr. Angela Billups, VA’s Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)
- 08:30AM **Main Stage Keynote –**
VA’s I.T. Modernization
Mr. James Gfrerer, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Information
Technology & VA’s Chief Information Officer (CIO)
- 09:00AM **Refreshment Break, Visit Exhibits & Network**
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General Breakout Sessions:

- 09:15AM **Dedicated HCA Sessions w/their Employees**
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| ◆ CFM – Grapevine 5 | ◆ VBA – Grapevine 2 |
| ◆ NCA – Texas D | ◆ VHA HQ Central Office (VHA-CO) – Grapevine A |
| ◆ NAC – Grapevine B | ◆ VHA Central – Grapevine D |
| ◆ SAC – Texas 2 | ◆ VHA East – Texas C |
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