

## 2026 PEAK SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

This conference schedule is subject to change. Last update: March 22, 2026

| Tuesday, March 31, 2026                             |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| 7:30 – 9:00   | Registration, Breakfast, Networking                                      |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 9:00 – 9:30   | Opening Session Day 1  |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 9:30 – 10:30  | General Session 1: Keynote: Beth Z - Discover Your Technology Psychology |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 10:30 – 10:40                                       | Transition   |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 10:40 – 11:25<br>Concurrent<br>Breakout<br>Sessions |  | Procurement<br>Unlocked:<br>How AI Turns<br>Process into<br>Power              | Compliance<br>vs<br>Procurement<br>- Bridging the<br>Divide | AI's Biggest<br>Questions,<br>Myths and<br>Mysteries<br>with Beth Z | <b>VENDOR<br/>SESSION</b><br>Doing<br>Business with<br>NC | The PEAK of<br>Procurement:<br>Emotional<br>Intelligence<br>Under<br>Pressure | Designing the<br>Future of P&C<br>Technology |  |  |
| 11:25 – 12:45                                       | Vendor Expo, Networking  |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 11:45 – 12:45                                       | Lunch, Vendor Expo, Networking   |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 12:45 – 1:00  | Meet the Team (P&C + SITPO)  |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1:00 – 2:00   | General Session 2: State of Procurement                                  |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 2:00-2:10   | Transition   |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 2:10 – 2:50<br>Concurrent<br>Breakout<br>Sessions   | Job Alike<br>Universities  | Job Alike<br>Community<br>College  | Job Alike<br>Local<br>Government                            | Job Alike<br>State<br>Agencies                                      |   |   |  |  |  |
| 2:50 – 3:20   | Snacks, Vendor Expo, Transition  |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 3:20 – 4:05<br>Concurrent<br>Breakout<br>Sessions   | Effective Time<br>Management<br>in<br>Procurement                        | Cyber Risk<br>Management-<br>Deviations<br>from IT<br>Security<br>Requirements | State Term<br>Contract<br>Management                        | AI's Biggest<br>Questions,<br>Myths and<br>Mysteries<br>with Beth Z | Before the<br>Buy: Market<br>Research                     | Construction<br>or Goods?   | How to Find<br>HUB and<br>Non-HUB<br>Vendors |  |  |
| 4:05 – 4:15   | Transition   |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 4:15 – 4:35   | General Session 3: HUB Report  |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 4:35 - 4:55   | General Session 4: Gold Star Award                                       |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 4:55 – 5:00   | Closing Session  |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |

| Wednesday, April 1, 2026                           |   |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
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| 7:30 – 8:30  | Registration, Breakfast, Networking   |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 8:30 – 8:45  | Opening Session Day 2   |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 8:45 – 9:00  | Transition  |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 9:00 – 9:45<br>Concurrent<br>Breakout<br>Sessions  | Strategies for Better Negotiations  | Ramping up Security: GovRamp, a New Roadmap for Cloud Security | State Term Contract Management           | Before the Buy: Market Research         | NCEP Guided Sourcing  | The PEAK of Procurement: Emotional Intelligence Under Pressure         | How to Find HUB and Non-HUB Vendors   | Contracting in a Crisis<br><br>2025 Gold Star Winner                            | University Session        |
| 9:45 – 9:55  | Transition  |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 9:55 – 10:40<br>Concurrent<br>Breakout<br>Sessions | Strategies for Better Negotiations  | Ramping up Security: GovRamp, a New Roadmap for Cloud Security | Compliance: Most Common Discoveries      | Wander the Web with Purchase & Contract | NCEP Guided Sourcing  | Maximizing Value: Why You Should Purchase State of NC Surplus Property | Value of Certification (NCPA + UPPCC) | 2025 Gold Star Winner Session – Procurement Education                           | Local Government Session  |
| 10:40 – 10:50                                      | Transition  |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 10:50 – 11:45                                      | General Session 5: Supplier Management<br><b>Vendor Session:</b> NC electronic Vendor Portal with Accenture |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 11:45 – 12:30                                      | Vendor Expo, Networking   |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 12:30 – 1:35                                       | Lunch, Vendor Expo, Networking  |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 1:35 – 1:45  | Transition  |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 1:45 – 2:30<br>Concurrent<br>Breakout<br>Sessions  | Effective Strategies in Contract Management<br><br>2025 Gold Star Winner Session                            | Procurement Unlocked: How AI Turns Process into Power          | Spend Sense: Turning Data into Direction | P-Cards with Bank of America            | eVP Procurement Users | Procurement Trivia Showdown  | NCPA Graduation Practice              | Strengthening Communities Through HUB Partnerships<br><br>2025 Gold Star Winner | Community College Session |
| 2:30 – 2:40  | Transition  |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 2:45 – 3:30  | NCPA Graduation (NCP, NCPO, NCCM)   |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 3:30 – 3:45  | Closing Session Day 2   |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |
| 3:45 – 4:15  | NCPA Graduation Reception   |  |  |   |                       |  |                                       |   |                           |