

## 2026 PEAK SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

This conference schedule is subject to change. Last update: March 25, 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 Concurrent Breakout Sessions		<b>Room 4:</b> Procurement Unlocked: How AI Turns Process into Power	<b>Room 5:</b> Compliance vs Procurement - Bridging the Divide	<b>Room 6:</b> AI's Biggest Questions, Myths and Mysteries with Beth Z	<b>Room 7:</b> <b>VENDOR SESSION</b> Doing Business with NC	<b>Room 8A:</b> The PEAK of Procurement: Emotional Intelligence Under Pressure	<b>Room 8B:</b> Designing the Future of P&C 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 Concurrent Breakout Sessions	<b>Room 3:</b> Job Alike Universities	<b>Room 4:</b> Job Alike Community College	<b>Room 5:</b> Job Alike Local Government	<b>Room 1:</b> Job Alike State Agencies					
2:50 – 3:20	Snacks, Vendor Expo, Transition								
3:20 – 4:05 Concurrent Breakout Sessions	<b>Room 3:</b> Effective Time Management in Procurement	<b>Room 4:</b> Cyber Risk Management- Deviations from IT Security Requirements	<b>Room 5:</b> State Term Contract Management	<b>Room 6:</b> AI's Biggest Questions, Myths and Mysteries with Beth Z	<b>Room 7:</b> Before the Buy: Market Research	<b>Room 8A:</b> Construction or Goods?	<b>Room 8B:</b> How to Find HUB and Non-HUB 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									
7:30 – 8:30	Registration, Breakfast, Networking								
8:30 – 8:45	Opening Session Day 2								
8:45 – 9:00	Transition								
9:00 – 9:45 Concurrent Breakout Sessions	<b>Room 3:</b> Strategies for Better Negotiations	<b>Room 4:</b> Ramping up Security: GovRamp, a New Roadmap for Cloud Security	<b>Room 5:</b> State Term Contract Management	<b>Room 6:</b> Before the Buy: Market Research	<b>Room 7:</b> NCEP Guided Sourcing	<b>Room 8A:</b> The PEAK of Procurement: Emotional Intelligence Under Pressure	<b>Room 8B:</b> How to Find HUB and Non- HUB Vendors	<b>Room 9:</b> Contracting in a Crisis  2025 Gold Star Winner	<b>Room 10:</b> University Session
9:45 – 9:55	Transition								
9:55 – 10:40 Concurrent Breakout Sessions	<b>Room 3:</b> Strategies for Better Negotiations	<b>Room 4:</b> Ramping up Security: GovRamp, a New Roadmap for Cloud Security	<b>Room 5:</b> Compliance: Most Common Discoveries	<b>Room 6:</b> Wander the Web with Purchase & Contract	<b>Room 7:</b> NCEP Guided Sourcing	<b>Room 8A:</b> Maximizing Value: Why You Should Purchase State of NC Surplus Property	<b>Room 8B:</b> Value of Certification (NCPA + UPPCC)	<b>Room 9:</b> 2025 Gold Star Winner Session – Procurement Education	<b>Room 10:</b> Local Government Session
10:40 – 10:50	Transition								
10:50 – 11:45	General Session 5: Supplier Management <b>Vendor Session:</b> NC electronic Vendor Portal								
11:45 – 12:30	Vendor Expo, Networking								
12:30 – 1:35	Lunch, Vendor Expo, Networking								
1:35 – 1:45	Transition								
1:45 – 2:30 Concurrent Breakout Sessions	<b>Room 3:</b> Effective Strategies in Contract Management  2025 Gold Star Winner	<b>Room 4:</b> Procurement Unlocked: How AI Turns Process into Power	<b>Room 5:</b> Spend Sense: Turning Data into Direction	<b>Room 6:</b> P-Cards with Bank of America	<b>Room 7:</b> eVP Procurement Users	<b>Room 8A:</b> Procurement Trivia Showdown	<b>Room 8B:</b> NCPA Graduation Practice	<b>Room 9:</b> Strengthening Communities Through HUB Partnerships  2025 Gold Star Winner	<b>Room 10:</b> 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								

