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## The Los Angeles South Bay Chapter

**FINAL Workshop and Dinner Meeting for  
Program Year 2008-2009**

**Tuesday June 9, 2009**

**(Registration Starts at 4:30 p.m.)**

**Hacienda Hotel at 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd, Crystal Ballroom El Segundo, CA 90245**

**Installation of Incoming Chapter Officers  
Who Will Take Office on July 1, 2009**

**Dinner Meeting Speaker:**

**NCMA National President**

**R. Stephen Ayers**

**“Emerging Trends in Contracting and What's New  
in NCMA”**

**Workshop Topic:**

**Partners of McKenna Long & Aldridge**

**Michael R. Rizzo and Richard B. Oliver**

**“Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009”**

The Los Angeles South Bay Chapter is honored to present Mr. R. Stephen Ayers, NCMA National President, to install the incoming Chapter President and Officers for Program Year 2009-2010 at our final workshop and dinner meeting of Program Year 2008-2009 on June 9, 2009 Dinner Meeting. Mr. Ayers will also speak at our dinner meeting. He will share his expertise, experience and thoughts on his **“Emerging Trends in Contracting and What’s New in NCMA.”**

For our workshop meeting, Partners of McKenna Long & Aldridge Mr. Michael R. Rizzo and Mr. Richard B. Oliver will address “Weapons Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009,” which was just signed by president Obama on May 22, 2009.

**Please do not miss this unique opportunity to gain insights from these experts.**

Our meeting will consist of two separate sessions. First, the workshop training is conducted from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., including a session for questions from the audience. Second, the dinner meeting, including a delicious dinner and dessert, will start at about 6:30 p.m. and will conclude by 8:00 p.m.

## **VIP Dinner Speaker:**



### **R. Stephen Ayers, NCMA National President**

Mr. Ayers has over thirty years' experience in all aspects of business operations relating to the high technology industry including contract management, finance, pricing, acquisition, procurement, proposal development, security, ethics and general administration.

Steve Ayers retired in June 2007 from Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) after nearly 30 years with the Company, most recently as the Senior Vice President for Contracts, Procurement and Pricing. SAIC is a Fortune 500 company with over \$9 billion in annual sales that employs over 44,000 men and women worldwide. In this capacity he was responsible for all Company operations related to Contracts, Pricing, Subcontracts, and Purchasing. He also served as Secretary of the Audit Committee of SAIC's Board of Directors. He was the Company's Chief Ethics Officer from 2002 to 2005. Prior to assuming these duties, he served in various financial and contract management capacities at SAIC, which he joined in 1980. Prior to his career at SAIC, Mr. Ayers served as a Contracts Manager with Unisys Corporation. Mr. Ayers served as a Naval Officer for five years, first aboard a nuclear submarine and later in the submarine procurement directorate of the Naval Sea Systems Command.

Mr. Ayers is the National President of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA). Prior to this, he served on NCMA's Board of Directors as President-Elect. Steve Ayers has also been President and Director of NCMA's San Diego Chapter; past National Vice President, Southwestern Region; member of the NCMA Board of Advisors; Trustee of the Contract Management Institute; and an NCMA Fellow. He was also a member of the Board of Visitors at the Defense Acquisition University, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia for seven years.

He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and received his MBA from The George Washington University. Mr. Ayers remains affiliated with SAIC as a Consulting Employee.

## **VIP Workshop Speakers**



### **Mr. Michael R. Rizzo, Partner of McKenna Long & Aldridge, Los Angeles Office**

Michael Rizzo works to resolve contract disputes in both the public and private sectors. In these endeavors, he represents defense contractors, design/build firms, and companies in the transportation and information technology industries who perform federal, state and local government and private contracts. He has appeared before the Comptroller General of the Government Accountability Office, the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, federal and California trial courts, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Michael also has successfully resolved disputes through mediation and arbitration.

Michael has prepared and litigated successful claims against the Departments of Defense, Energy and NASA for contract changes, defective specifications and delay and disruption arising from the government's administration of major weapon systems and infrastructure contracts. He currently represents Iraq and Afghanistan reconstruction contractors in their pursuit of Award Fee, construction and termination claims. Michael has prepared and prosecuted Contract Disputes Act matters throughout the continental United

States, Canada and Guam. He frequently represents clients under criminal investigation for alleged quality assurance improprieties and defective pricing and is experienced in developing and managing internal investigations. Michael has served as lead counsel in defending lawsuits filed under the Civil False Claims. He has pursued and litigated claims against the State of California and local agencies within the state. He serves as Chair of the Firm's state and local government subspecialty group and is the team leader of the Firm's 15 person, Los Angeles Government Contracts practice.

Michael counsels clients on a wide variety of federal and state/local government contracts issues, including proposal preparation, TINA, suspension and debarment and cost accounting. He also develops corporate compliance systems which meet both state and federal regulatory requirements. He is a frequent lecturer on the parallels between the Uniform Commercial Code and the Federal Acquisition Regulation and has spoken extensively on claims theories and the federal contract criminal and civil investigation process.



**Mr. Richard B. Oliver, Partner of McKenna Long & Aldridge, Los Angeles Office**

Richard Oliver is the President of our chapter. He is a government contracts lawyer with more than thirty years of experience representing clients dealing with a wide range of government contracts issues. In the course of his practice, he has represented clients at the Government Accountability Office, in state and federal courts, and before administrative boards of contract appeals. He has counseled clients, written professionally and lectured on the Federal Acquisition Regulation, bid protests, service contracts, debarment and suspension, voluntary disclosures, quality assurance, changes and claims, contract compliance, socioeconomic policies (such as those related to small business) and subcontractor-prime contractor disputes. He is an active member of the

Professional Services Council, the National Contract Management Association, and the American Bar Association.

Dick has a dynamic bid protest practice, both in contesting agency contract award decisions and defending contracts awarded to his clients. He has challenged government award decisions involving numerous acquisition techniques, including reverse auctions, oral presentations and performance based contracting. He frequently works with clients to identify and minimize risks that arise during contract negotiations, as well as providing counsel on the costs and benefits of pursuing potential claims. He also has specific experience representing clients with government contract clauses inserted into their commercial contracts. Dick has defended clients in major criminal investigations, often involving complex questions of quality assurance, and civil actions under the False Claims Act. He has also assisted companies with internal investigations and contract compliance reviews. Prior to entering private practice, Dick was an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Air Force. Dick graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Virginia and received his legal training at Harvard University, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Journal on Legislation*.

**Location:**

Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo, (Corner of Sepulveda Blvd. & Mariposa)

For more information or details or questions: please send an email to the Past President/Chapter Advisor, Thi Hagenbuechle at [thagenbuechle@earthlink.net](mailto:thagenbuechle@earthlink.net) or contact her by phone at 310-415-4777; or contact Chapter VP for Arrangements, Dawn Dotson by email at [dawnldotson@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnldotson@yahoo.com) or by phone at (323) 821-4438.

**If your organization purchased a block of seats**, please register through your Block Purchase Coordinator and send your list to Dawn Dotson, VP of Arrangements at [dawnldotson@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnldotson@yahoo.com) NLT June 5, 2009 COB. Please RSVP as early as possible as seats will be limited to a first come first served basis.

✚ Please communicate clearly with Dawn Dotson ahead of time either by email or phone if you have a special request for a vegetarian meal.

**For general reservations:**

Please register on-line using our Chapter Website: <http://www.ncmalasb.org> and choose your option to pay by credit card.

**Any cancellation to an online registration must be done in writing, at least 48 hours prior to the event. In a case of a refund only, the registrant, not the chapter, will be responsible for the 5% transaction fee.**

To learn more about our incredible NCMA Los Angeles SOUTH BAY Chapter, please visit our Chapter web site at <http://www.ncmalasb.org>.

**Cost:**

Workshop only: \$20.00 – Dinner only: \$32.00

Workshop and Dinner: \$37.00

**REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN AT 4:30 P.M. SEE YOU THERE!**  
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