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**NCMA and Centre Consulting Launch Certificate Program for  
GSA and VA Schedule Contract Professionals**

VIENNA, Va.—May 6, 2008—The National Contract Management Association (NCMA) and Centre Consulting, Inc.'s Federal Contracting Institute (FCI) have launched the first and only certificate program for GSA multiple-award schedule professionals. The Certified Schedules Contracts Manager designation communicates expertise and commitment to professionalism, ensuring its holders stand out as leaders in the workforce.

Contract professionals achieve the designation by registering with NCMA and then completing a curriculum of five core courses, two audio seminars, and two electives. A capstone exam tests applicants' knowledge of GSA and VA contracting, including audits, the schedules' regulatory framework, source selection, and task orders.

Barbara Kinosky, Centre Consulting's president, said, "This program builds on FCI's commitment to providing superior acquisition training, taught by those who best understand contracts: lawyers. I could not imagine a better partner for this program than NCMA, the most important and well-respected association in the industry."

NCMA's executive director, Neal Couture, said, "Our partnership with Centre Consulting on this important program demonstrates the high degree of training and rewarding experience contract managers can expect upon earning the CSCM designation. Working with schedules requires unique skills, and the CSCM program is specially designed to develop and validate those skills."

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**About NCMA**

Founded in 1959, NCMA is the world's leading association in the field of contract management. The organization is dedicated to the professional growth and educational advancement of procurement and acquisition personnel worldwide. NCMA strives to serve and inform the profession and industry it represents and to offer opportunities for the open exchange of ideas in neutral forums. For more information, visit [www.ncmahq.org](http://www.ncmahq.org).

**About Centre Consulting, Inc.**

Centre Consulting, Inc., located in Vienna, Virginia, offers expert legal advice on all aspects of federal contracting, including multiple-award schedules, performance-based procedures, compliance, and source selection. Centre's Federal Contracting Institute (FCI) delivers nationally acclaimed federal contracting training to government and industry professionals, taught by attorneys possessing 20 or more years of experience as trainers, program managers, contract administrators, and litigators. FCI's full course catalog is available online at <http://www.centreconsult.com/training.asp>.