



2025 NC PEAK Conference

McKimmon Conference and Training Center

March 31 - April 1, 2025

## Elevating NC Procurement Together

Monday, March 31, 2025	
Time	Activity
7:30 – 9:00 am	<b>Registration</b>
	<b>Breakfast/Networking</b>
9:00 – 10:00 am	<b>Opening Session Day 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-9:05 <b>Color Guard</b>, Sanderson High School</li> <li>• 9:05-9:15 <b>Welcome from PEAK Planning Committee</b>, Dr. Jody Cleven Tirrell Honorable</li> <li>• 9:15-9:20 <b>Welcome Message</b>, Governor Josh Stein</li> <li>• 9:20-9:25 <b>Response from Chief Procurement Officer</b>, David O’Neal</li> <li>• 9:25-10:00 <b>Agency Roll Call</b>, Deputy Secretary of Service Operations, David Elliott</li> </ul>
10:00 – 11:15 am	<b>General Session #1</b> <b>Keynote Address</b> – Manley Feinberg “Exponential Commitment: Build Breakthrough Momentum in the Storm of Chaos”
11:15 – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch/Vendor Expo/Networking</b>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>General Session #2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>State of Procurement Director’s Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1:00-1:08 P&amp;C, David O’Neal</li> <li>○ 1:09-1:16 SITP, James Tanzosch</li> <li>○ 1:17-1:24 SCO, Michael Shumsky</li> <li>○ 1:25-1:32 HUB, Alicia Lyon</li> <li>○ 1:33-1:40 NCAGP, Crista Cuccaro</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Special Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1:40-1:50 Corrections Enterprises, Martin Kish</li> <li>○ 1:50-2:00 Meet your Service Team, Nicole Hunter and Strategic Sourcing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



2:00 – 2:45 pm	<b>General Session #3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HUB Best Practices</b>, Carla Copes, Meredith Swartz</li> </ul>
2:45 – 3:00 pm	<b>Refreshment Break/Vendor Expo/Networking</b>
3:00 – 3:45 pm	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions #1</b> See Program for Session Descriptions/Presenters
3:45 – 4:00 pm	<b>Transition to Breakout Session/Vendor Expo</b>
4:00 - 4:30 pm	<b>General Session #4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4:00-4:30 <b>Gold Star Agency Awards</b></li> <li>• 4:00-4:05 <b>Remarks from CPO</b> – David O’Neal</li> <li>• 4:05-4:30 <b>Presentation of Awards</b> – David O’Neal, Alicia Lyon, James Tanzosch, P&amp;C Deputy State Procurement Officers</li> </ul>
4:30 - 4:45 pm	<b>Closing Session Day 1</b> , Danielle Hearst, DSPO Operations and Systems Support <b>Takeaways</b>

<b>Tuesday, April 1, 2025</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
7:30 – 8:30 am	<b>Registration</b>
	<b>Breakfast/Vendor Expo/Networking</b>
8:30 - 8:45 am	<b>Opening Session Day 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30-8:35 <b>Greetings from DOA Secretary</b>, Secretary Gabe Esparza</li> <li>• 8:35-8:45 <b>Conference Housekeeping</b>, Melissa Pressley, DSPO Contract Management</li> </ul>
8:45 - 9:00 am	<b>Transition to Breakout Session/Vendor Expo</b>
9:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions #2</b> Job-Alike Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Agencies, Nicole Hunter, Service Team Managers, James Tanzosch</li> <li>• Universities, Robby Terry, Melissa Pressley</li> <li>• Community Colleges, Grant Braley, Belinda Preacher</li> <li>• Local Government, Crista Cuccaro, David O’Neal</li> </ul>



9:30 – 9:45 am	<b>Transition to Breakout Session/Vendor Expo</b>
9:45 – 10:30 am	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions #3</b> See Program for Session Descriptions/Presenters
10:30 – 10:45 am	<b>Transition to Breakout Session/Vendor Expo</b>
10:45 – 11:30 am	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions #4</b> See Program for Session Descriptions/Presenters
11:30 – 12:30m	<b>Lunch/Vendor Expo/Networking</b>
12:30 – 2:15 pm	<b>General Session #5</b> <b>eVP for Procurement Users</b> , Amanda Meyer and NCEP Training Team
2:15 – 2:30 pm	<b>Refreshment Break/Vendor Expo/Networking</b>
2:30 – 3:15 pm	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions #5</b> See Program for Session Descriptions/Presenters
3:15 – 3:30 pm	<b>Transition to General Session/Vendor Expo</b>
3:30 – 4:15 pm	<b>NCCM/NCP/NCPO Graduation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:30-3:35 <b>Remarks from Chief Learning Officer</b> – Dr. Jody Cleven</li> <li>• 3:35-3:40 <b>Remarks from Secretary</b> – Secretary Esparza</li> <li>• 3:40-3:45 <b>Graduation Speaker</b> – Samantha Bryant-Green, NC DOT</li> <li>• 3:45-4:15 <b>Presentation of Certificates</b> - Secretary Esparza, David O’Neal, Tirrell Honablew</li> </ul>
4:15 – 4:30 pm	<b>Closing Session Day 2</b> , Belinda Preacher, DSPO Risk and Compliance Management <b>Conference Wrap-Up</b> Final Takeaways App Game Winner PEAK 2026 Free Conference Registration & Book Raffle
4:30 – 5:00 pm	<b>Graduation Reception and Graduate Group Photo</b>

See you at NC PEAK 2026!