

2019 MAAC Training Symposium

Update for MAAC Members





March Meeting Follow up

Topics Discussed in March

- Is there a Need for a 2019 Symposium?
- If so, we need Training POCs from each Agency



April Survey Summary

8 Question Survey with 24 results

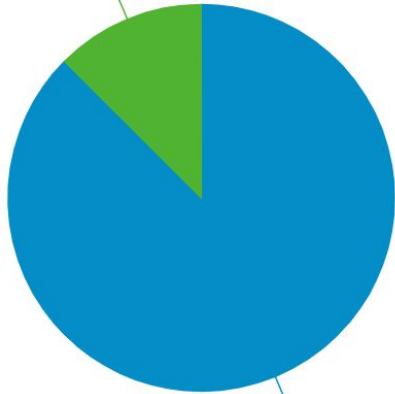
- Name, Job Title, Agency
- Have you attended a MAAC Training Symposium in the past?
- If the MAAC holds a Training Symposium in November 2019, would you attend?
- What recommendations do you have for specific speakers you'd like to hear present or any particular topics that interest you that you would like to be presented on?
- Would you (or a group) like to present? If so, what topic?
- Would the MAAC Training Symposium be more effective if it was held every other year instead of every year?
- If you have attended the event in the past, what recommendations do you have that could improve the format? (ie. interactive sessions, matchmaking, small mentoring sessions)
- Do you have other ideas for creating learning experiences at the MAAC Training Symposium?



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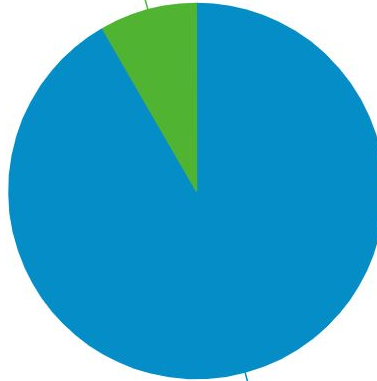
No: 3x chosen (12.50%)



Yes: 21x chosen (87.50%)

If the symposium was held in November 2019 would you attend?

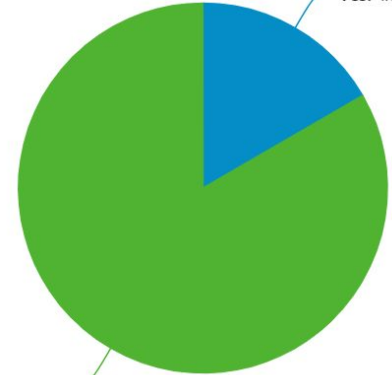
No: 2x chosen (8.33%)



Yes: 22x chosen (91.67%)

Would the MAAC Symposium be more effective if it was held every other year?

Yes: 4x chosen (16.67%)



No: 20x chosen (83.33%)



April Survey - Interesting Results

Recommendations for specific speakers or topics

Reporting of Metrics, & Their Impact on Morale	Technical Evaluation Guidance & Best Practices	Senior Procurement Executives speaking on current acquisition topics. Also, speakers from the GAO, FAR Council, & IG
Section 809 Panel Discussion	Speakers in the Financial Division Discussing Changes in the Way Customers Get paid	Career Opps for Acquisition Professionals @ the GS-13 level and higher
Crafting Acquisitions w/ Guaranteed Minimums	Streamlining RFP Review Process	Presenter from SBA Speaking on Size Challenge Protests and what the SBA Does When They Receive a Size Challenge
GAO Sept. 2018 findings that the federal acq. workforce faces training challenges	More Presentations on individual Acquisition Careers and online FAR	Reverse Auction Techniques



April Survey - Interesting Results

Recommendations to Improve the Format

Small Mentoring Sessions	Introduction of soft skill training
Have presenters from all levels of acquisition, not just senior level	Invite Paul McDermott again
Keep interactive sessions in the morning with only general sessions in the afternoon	More Activities that force networking & introduction to other acq. professionals
	Panels made up of members of different agencies speaking about similar challenges they face (this response was given twice)



Recommendation - Move Forward

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2019

Venue: National Constitution Center

- Same auditorium & breakout rooms
- Easy access to public transit & parking
- Venue cost covered by GSA

Fee: Zero fee to participate



Milestones - Training Symposium

Major Milestones

- Venue Contract May 15, 2019
- Save the Date June 1, 2019
- Agenda Topics June 15, 2019
- Presenters Confirmed July 15, 2019
- Open Registration October 1, 2019
- Final PowerPoints November 7, 2019
- Dress Rehearsal November 14, 2019



Morning Tour

Previous Tours

- 2016 – Liberty Bell
- 2017 – Independence Hall
- 2018 -- Liberty Bell



2019 Tour

- Work with NPS
- Revisit previous tour location?





Help - Training Symposium

We Need Help!

Looking for one POC per agency to assist with training content and presenters

Agency	Lead	Training POC
DHS FPS	Dan O'Sullivan	Jen Seaman
DLA DSCO	Lillian Gardner	
DLA Robbins Ave	Captain Raia / Dorothy O'Connel	
DOL	Chris Callender	
EPA	Karyn Price	Kellee Haye
GSA FAS	Jack Wise	Bob Vitelli
GSA PBS	Liliana Delbonifro	Jackie DeSimone
GSA Small Business	Deb Eble	Deb Eble
HUD	Shellie Waltz	Shellie Waltz
Navy NAVSUP (Robbins Ave)	Brian Excell	Mary Lou Dickens
Navy NSWC (South Philly)	Al Straccolini	Doris Tung
NPS	None	
OPM	Nicole Kee	Lucy Tascone
SBA	Jennifer Tilden	Jennifer Tilden
USACE	Cheryl Chandler	Nora Cherry
Veterans Affairs	Craig Hilliard	



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Thank You!

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Appendix



2018 Training Symposium Recap

MAAC Team Hotwash

- 179 participants
- Each received 6 CLPs
- Beautiful Space
- No technical Issues
- Improve:
 - Keep speakers dynamic
 - Breakout descriptions
 - Directions to breakout rooms
- MAAC Lifetime Award?

Participant Feedback

- 77 Survey Respondents
- Hold annually (86%)
- Improve:
 - Breakout descriptions
 - Make technical discussions more understandable
 - Focused too much on GSA/ more applicable across agencies/ DoD



2018 Symposium Survey Results

	1	2	3	4	5	Overall
809 Panel- Streamlining & Codifying Acquisition	-	1%	11%	42%	45%	88%
Unconscious Bias- Exploring Hidden Perceptions	-	5%	26%	26%	42%	68%
Small Business Subcontracting- Simplified	-	-	17%	17%	67%	83%
Contracting Insider's View to FAITAS Warrants and Certifications	11%	6%	17%	17%	50%	67%
Keynote: Blockchain in Federal Acquisition	3%	11%	34%	35%	17%	52%
Excelling in your Acquisition Career		1%	1%	6%	91%	97%
Professional Service Solutions for a Limited Resource Environment	3%	18%	24%	32%	24%	55%
Robotic Automation in Acquisition	-	-	-	20%	80%	100%
Federal Innovation Labs	-	-	8%	42%	50%	92%
Acquisition.gov	-	-	6%	16%	78%	94%