



# Public Procurement Conference of the Americas April 27-29, 2009 Washington D.C.

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## 2009 Conference Breakfast and Luncheon Speakers

### Monday, April 27, 2009

*Welcome breakfast: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.*

- Master of Ceremonies: Jose Niño, Acting President, Procurement Institute of the Americas
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. JP (Jack) London, 2009 PPCA Chairman, and Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board, CACI International Inc
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony with David Drabkin, Acting Chief Acquisition Officer, U.S. General Services Administration

*Luncheon: 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.*

- Master of Ceremonies: William Alexander, President, CAMACOL
- Keynote Speaker: David Drabkin, Acting Chief Acquisition Officer, U.S. General Services Administration

### Tuesday, April 28, 2009

*Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.*

- Master of Ceremonies: Raul Danny Vargas, President, VARCom Solutions, LLC
- Keynote Speaker: Anna Escobedo Cabral, Senior Advisor, External Relations, Inter-American Development Bank and former Treasurer of the United States

*Luncheon: 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.*

- Master of Ceremonies: Jose Niño, Acting President, Procurement Institute of the Americas
- Keynote Speaker: Hector Escobar, Commissioner of Immigrant Services, State of Puebla, Mexico on behalf of Javier López Zavala, Secretary of Social Development, State of Puebla, Mexico

### Wednesday, April 29, 2009

*Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.*

- Master of Ceremonies: Augustine Martinez, President and CEO, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Keynote Speaker: Peter Hakim, President, The Inter-American Dialogue
- Call for Paper Announcement: Dr. Cliff McCue, Director, Public Procurement Research Center, Florida Atlantic University

*Luncheon: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.*

- Master of Ceremonies: Jose Niño, Acting President, Procurement Institute of the Americas
- Keynote speaker: Gen. Al Zapanta, USA (Ret.), President and CEO, U.S. Mexican Chamber of Commerce
- Closing Remarks: Dr. JP (Jack) London, 2009 PPCA Chairman, and Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board, CACI International Inc



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## 2009 Conference Panelists

### Monday, April 27, 2009

*Session Topic: Good Governance*

*Panel Session: 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

*Open Forum: 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.*

Moderator: Dr. Eric Prier, Public Procurement Research Center, Florida Atlantic University

#### Panelists:

- Edilberto Ruiz Miró, General Director, Public Contracting, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Panama
- Dr. Anwar Shah, Lead Economist and Program Leader, Governance, World Bank Institute
- Jonathan Aronie, Partner, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP
- Nelson Olavarrieta, Owner, Olavarrieta Legal
- Dr. Patricio Valdivieso, The Pontifical Catholic University of Chile
- Jeanette L. Brown, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### Monday, April 27, 2009

*Business Roundtable: “Barriers to Access: How to Increase Supplier Participation in Government Contracting”*

*Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Moderator: Denise Rodriguez-Lopez, President and CEO, KMJ Company and Former OSDBU Director, U.S. Department of Transportation

#### Panelists:

- Guadalupe C. Rodriguez, Chief Managing Director, WG Scorpion LLC
- Stan Soloway, President and Chief Executive Officer, Professional Services Council
- Ellice Perez, General Manager, Zipcar
- Theresa Alvillar-Speake, former Director, U.S. Office of Economic Impact and Diversity



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### **Tuesday, April 28, 2009**

*Session Topic: Capacity Building/Workforce Development Panel*

*Panel Session: 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

*Open Forum: 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.*

Moderator: David Drabkin, Acting Chief Acquisition Officer, U.S. General Services Administration

#### Panelists:

- Rick Grimm, CPPO, CPPB, Chief Executive, National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP)
- Jaime Gracia, Senior Associate, Octo Consulting
- Dr. Cliff McCue, Director, Public Procurement Research Center, Florida Atlantic University
- Gen. Al Zapanta, USA (Ret.), President and CEO, U.S. Mexico Chamber of Commerce

### **Tuesday, April 28, 2009**

*Information Technology Workshop: “Best Practices and the Future of IT in Public Procurement”*

*Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Moderator: Jose A. Marquez-Leon, President, Chief Executive Officer, and Founder of Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association (LISTA)

#### Panelists:

- Gilbert B. Guarino, Executive Vice President and Business Group Manager, Transformation Solutions Group, CACI International Inc
- John Weathersby, Jr. Executive Director, Open Source Software Institute
- Alfredo Casta, Chief Executive Officer, Cascades Technologies, Inc.
- Edilberto Ruiz Miró, General Director, Public Contracting, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Panama



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*Session Topic: Sustainability*

*Panel Session: 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

*Open Forum: 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.*

Moderator/Panelist: Edwin Piñero, Manager of Sustainable Development, Energy, Systems, and Security Division, Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group, Parsons Corporation

Panelists:

- Dr. Terry Raney, Senior Vice President and Division Group Manager, Business Management Division, CACI International, Inc.
- Alan D. Hecht, Director for Sustainable Development, Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Dr. Cliff McCue, Director, Public Procurement Research Center, Florida Atlantic University