

APRIL 2007

**TASC Luncheon Guest Speaker**

**Wednesday, April 18**

**Michelle M. Currier**

**Associate Director, Army Contracting  
Agency, Northern Region Headquarters**



Michelle Currier became the Associate Director of ACA NRHQ in May of 2006. Ms. Currier is responsible for the effective administration of the ACA NR Office of Small Business Programs located at FT Monroe, VA. She directs targeted outreach efforts in the development

of acquisition strategies and plans to provide maximum opportunities for small business and HBCU/MI to participate in government contracts.

From 2003-2006, Ms. Currier served as Director for Marketing and Outreach at ACA HQ. Ms. Currier developed and implemented an agency-wide comprehensive outreach and branding strategy to secure "brand name" recognition of the ACA. She was responsible for conducting events in Europe and throughout the Continental United States at the Association of the United States Army (AUSA); Javits-Wagner-ODay (JWOD) Program events; at Installation Management Agency (IMA) conferences and a myriad of Small and Disadvantaged Business events.

Contract experience has included assignments as Director of Contracting, Procurement Center Representative, Procurement Analyst, and Contract Specialist. Ms. Currier has over 25 years experience working in the contracting field for the U. S. Navy including assignments at the Naval Research Laboratory, Office of Naval Research, and

Naval Center for Space Technology, Military Sealift Command and Naval Sea Systems. Ms. Currier has extensive experience directing and managing a large and diverse workforce of over 21,000 personnel including procurement professionals, acquisition specialists and administrative personnel. As the National President of NCMA, she managed a budget in excess of \$5 million dollars and a support staff of more than 200 salaried employees and volunteers on a daily basis.

Ms. Currier was born in Melrose, MA. In 1981, she graduated from American University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business and in 1983 earned a Master's Degree in Procurement. She is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community (APC) since 1995. Ms. Currier has earned the designation of Certified Professional Contract Manager (CPCM) and Certified Federal Contract Manager (CFCM) from the National Contract Management Association (NCMA). Ms. Currier has served as National Past President of NCMA and currently serves of the National Board of Advisors. Ms. Currier frequently speaks on the subject of contract management and has co-authored articles for *Contract Management* magazine. She is a member and past Chairman of the Tidewater Government and Industry Council.

In 2005, Ms. Currier was competitively selected for the Army's Senior Leadership Development Program, where she served a rotational assignment at the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. Ms. Currier was recognized by *Inside Business* as one of the Top 25 Women in Business in Hampton Roads in December 2004. She was awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award in 2006.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is my inaugural input to the newsletter as the newly elected TASC President. I want to thank all of those who displayed their confidence in me by electing me to lead this very important organization in our community. I want to make this next year one in which the momentum generated by my predecessor, Steve Kelley (DCS Corporation), is maintained and that the goals that we put in place for TASC are realized. To that end, you will shortly receive for your review, comment and approval a revised set of BYLAWS. These are the tenets that guide TASC and define how we do business. Please take the time to review them thoroughly before casting your vote. I want our membership to be one that actively participates in our organization so please offer any constructive comments you have when the BYLAWS are published.

I am pleased to announce that TASC can now offer luncheon reservations and payment via credit card using our website. Thanks to the efforts of Beverly Arviso (Cherry , Bekaert and Holland) and Shane Sievers (The Sigmon Group) TASC is now able to offer electronic payments via credit card. We will soon be able to offer membership and membership renewal in the same manner. Stay tuned to the website.

As we move forward, it is my sincere hope that TASC will continue to become an

organization that reflects the growth and changes in our profession. To that end, our new TASC Programs Chair, Bill MacDonald (SAIC) has lined up a number of speakers that reflect the diversity of our membership. Not only will we feature speakers from within the Federal Government sector but speakers from within organizations that contribute to the economic development of our community as well as those who seek to represent us at various levels of government. I seek your recommendations for speakers and topics that you would like to be addressed. Please don't hesitate to send recommendations to me or Bill.

Lastly, I want to solicit your comments and recommendations directed at making TASC more responsive to our membership. I solicit your inputs on ways that TASC can benefit our profession and enhance our presence in the Tidewater area. Please feel free to e-mail or contact me at any time. The members of the TASC Board, are committed to making TASC an organization that serves our membership in any way that we can and promotes our industry in the Tidewater community. I look forward to serving you as we move forward.

Dennis Garcia  
April, 2007

## TASC-TGIC ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of the TASC-TGIC elections held at the March 21 meeting. The winners are:

### **TASC Board:**

President - Dennis Garcia  
Vice President - Glenda Bluhm  
Treasurer - Bill Shelton  
Secretary - Joan Grippo

### **At Large**

Terry Murphy - Kaufman & Canoles  
Joe Yurso - QED  
Barry Munson - Aimworthy

### **8(a)/SDB**

Dona Storey - QTS  
Mary White - KIS

### **Large Business**

Terry Mansfield - SAIC

### **Education**

Jerry Robertson - ODU

We wish each of these winners a successful and productive term.

## Monthly Meetings at a Glance

<b>TASC Board Meeting</b>	1st Wednesday	7:30 A.M.	Town Point Club
<b>TGIC Exec. Committee Meeting</b>	2nd Thursday	8:00 A.M.	PROSOFT
<b>TASC Luncheon Meeting</b>	3rd Wednesday	11:30 A.M.	Registration, Meeting begins at Noon Airport Hilton - Reservations Suggested

Luncheon Fee: \$25.00 (Fee is still due if you make reservations but do not attend.)

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## SPEAKERS ARE STANDING BY

Do you know a group of people who could benefit from membership in TASC? If so, let me know. As the chairperson of our Speakers' Bureau, I am always looking for ways to get the word out that TASC exists and what the benefits of membership are. We have speakers who are ready, willing and able to make a brief presentation at your service club, school or professional organization. Please contact Rachel Blair at Progressive Graphics at 368-3321 or [rachel@progressivegraphics.com](mailto:rachel@progressivegraphics.com).

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## CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXAMINER

The TASC Examiner welcomes news and information that is of interest to the Tidewater contracting community. If you would like to contribute, please send an e-mail to Emile Husson at: [ehusson@wrsystems.com](mailto:ehusson@wrsystems.com) and type "TASC article" in the subject line. Article deadlines are the last Friday of the month for the following month's Examiner.