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Neal Couture is Executive Director of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA). Founded in 1959, NCMA is the premiere professional association promoting the profession of contract management in both the private and public business sectors, with members from more than 2,000 corporations and all U.S. Federal agencies.

Since joining NCMA in 1999, Neal has served as Education Programs Manager, Director of Professional Development, and Director of Marketing. Under his leadership, NCMA validated its Contract Management Body of Knowledge, which serves as the profession's model for skills assessment; redesigned and validated its 3 certification programs; developed a portfolio of e-courses and other distance learning programs; and launched the Contract Management Learning Center, a comprehensive knowledge management system with thousands of knowledge objects.

Prior to NCMA, Neal spent 20 years in major corporations, small businesses, not for profit organizations, and the military. His business career includes serving as Contracts Manager with SENTEL Corporation, a small minority-owned engineering firm; Director of Contracts and Procurement with EG&G, Inc., a Fortune 500 company; Procurement Manager with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a NASA center; Business Manager with two manufacturing small businesses; and Contracting Officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Neal holds a Bachelors Degree in Management from the University of New Hampshire, and completed graduate studies in Applied Behavioral Science from the Johns Hopkins University. He is currently completing an MBA on-line with emphasis in strategic leadership. He is a Certified Professional Contracts Manager (CPCM).