

SoCal Procurement Alliance



Thank You for a Stellar August Meeting!

Meeting Notes and Material attached.

Click below to see the amazing video our Communications team created.



Mark Your Calendar

SoCal Procurement Alliance – Year 4 Kick Off

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MAXIMIZING ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
DIGNITY HEALTH SPORTS PARK 
18400 AVALON BLVD, CARSON, CA 90746

JOIN US FOR:

- PANEL & EXPERT DISCUSSIONS
 - HOW CAN WE COLLABORATE IN THE UPCOMING GLOBAL EVENTS COMING TO SO CAL
- SIGNATURE FIFA WORLD CUP 26 & LA28 PANEL

KICK OFF STARTS AT 9:00 AM!

REGISTER NOW 

If you have any topics or ideas for our upcoming meeting, please contact Nicole.Swain@ceo.oc.gov. We look forward to hearing from you!

April 15, 2025 – Supplier Outreach Event



SoCal Procurement Alliance Presents:
SUPPLIER OUTREACH EVENT



Anaheim Convention Center

SAVE THE DATE | April 15, 2026

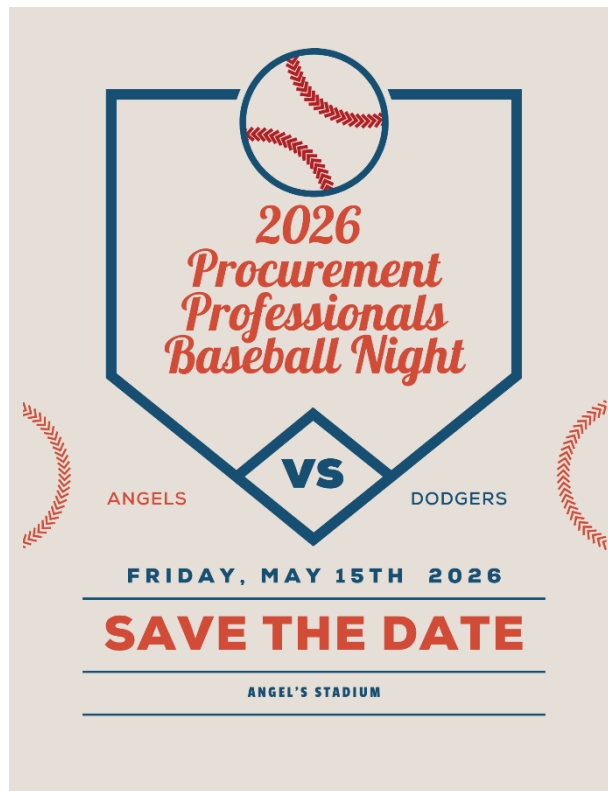
More details to come

50+ Government Agencies | 375+ Exhibitors | 1,500+
Attendees | Matchmaking | Panel Discussion

May 15, 2026 - Procurement Professionals Baseball Night

Join us when the Dodgers take on the Angels!

2nd Annual Procurement Professionals Baseball Night, we had such a great last time, we want to make it even better next year.



Insights & Inspirations

Influential Leaders

Thomas Udesen: Championing Sustainable Procurement at Scale

Thomas Udesen, Chief Procurement Officer at Bayer, is a leading voice in **sustainable procurement**. With over 30 years of experience, he co-founded the Sustainable Procurement Pledge to align global sourcing with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Under his leadership, Bayer has embraced ambitious climate targets and helped launch Together for Sustainability, reinforcing his belief that procurement can be a powerful force for positive change.

Read more about Thomas Udesen's impact → [Top 10 Influential CPOs – Procurement Magazine](#)

Recommended Reads

***Sustainable Procurement* by Jonathan O'Brien**

A practical guide for embedding **sustainability** into procurement strategy, this book outlines how to drive **environmental** and **social responsibility** across the supply chain. O'Brien, a

leading voice in procurement transformation, offers actionable frameworks and tools to align purchasing decisions with corporate sustainability goals.

Ideal for professionals seeking to lead with purpose and make measurable impact.

Reimagining Procurement by McKinsey & Company

Sarkar challenges conventional thinking with bold strategies to make supply chains a source of competitive advantage. Covering topics like supplier **collaboration**, **risk mitigation**, and **innovation**, this book is ideal for professionals looking to transform their supply chain into a **strategic powerhouse**.

A must-read for those looking to future-proof their procurement function.



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Share your ideas by emailing Meris Johnson at meris.johnson@ocgov.com.