

TIMELINE 2026



CLASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY—SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

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10:00 – 1:00		REGISTRATION
1:00 – 1:05		INTRODUCTION
1:05 – 2:00	W-1	UPDATE ON LEGISLATION LEGISLATIVE LAWS • <i>Narita Holmes</i> • <i>Carol Cooper</i> • <i>Jesus Amezcua</i>
2:00 – 3:00	W-2a	WHAT MEASURES TO USE TO EVALUATE YOUR JOB • <i>Narita Holmes</i>
3:00 – 3:15	W-2b	VENDOR INTRODUCTIONS
3:15 – 4:00	W-3	LIABILITY, RISK AND IMMUNITY IN CONTRACTING • <i>Elton Brock</i> • <i>Joey Lopez</i>
4:00 – 5:00	W-4	AFTER THE BID OPENING—HOW TO MANAGE THE PROCEDURES • <i>Mark Rogers</i>
5:30 – 7:30		NETWORKING SESSION/RECEPTION

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Class Schedule

Thursday—September 24, 2026

TIME	CLASSROOM A		CLASSROOM B	
8:00 - 9:00	T-5A	A REVIEW OF EDUCATION CODE 44.031(CH) * TBD	T-5B	PROCEDURES OF CONTRACT MANAGEMENT * Narita Holmes * Carol Cooper
9:00 - 10:00	T-6A	HOW TO HANDLE A BID PROTEST * Narita Holmes * Carol Cooper	T-6B	PURCHASING COOPERATIVES—HOW TO APPROVE THEM WITH THE GOVERNING BOARD * Phillip Vasquez
10:00 - 11:00	T-7A	STAY UP WITH THE NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS—INCLUDING EDGAR MANUAL * Jesus Amezcua	T-7B	KEEP YOUR PURCHASING FILES IN ORDER—THE AUDITORS ARE COMING * Edna Johnson
11:00 - 12:00	T-8A	UPDATE YOUR PROCUREMENT TEMPLATES * Stephanie Ritchie Hardin	T-8B	CHANGES ON JOB ORDER CONTRACTING (JOC) * Stephen Kendrick
12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH			
1:00 - 2:00	T-9A	BEST PRACTICES IN PURCHASING * Jesus Amezcua	T-9B	NEGOTIATIONS * Mark Rogers
2:00 - 3:00	T-10A	TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL—BID RIGGING AND OTHER ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS * Josh Ciampi	T-10B	SPECIFICATION WRITING * Mark Rogers
3:00 - 4:00	T-11A	KEY TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A CONTRACT—HIDDEN PITFALLS IN VENDOR CONTRACTS * Mike Saldana	T-11B	ETHICS * Mark Rogers
4:00 - 5:00	T-12A	TRAINING YOUR STAFF—USE THESE PROCEDURES * Rudy Salinas	T-12B	HOW THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT AFFECTS YOUR PERFORMANCE * Meliton Moya
5:30—7:30	NETWORKING SESSION/RECEPTION			

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CLASS SCHEDULE FRIDAY—SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

8:00 – 9:00 F-13

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- *Narita Holmes*

9:00 – 10:00 F-14a

KEY FACTS OF A BID, PAYMENT BOND AND PERFORMANCE BOND

- *TBA*

10:00 – 11:00 F-14b

EXPANDING REGIONAL IMPACT & SUSTAINABLE SOURCING FOR FOOD & NUTRITION PROGRAMS

- *Kristina Carrizales Escobar*
- *Kimberly Keller*

11:00 – 11:30 F-15a

HEADLINE NEWS ARTICLES

- *Panel of Speakers*

11:30 – 12:00 F-15b

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SESSION

- *Narita Holmes*
- *Carol Cooper*
- *Jesus Amezcua*
- *Mark Rogers*
- *Phillip Vasquez*

GENERAL SESSION CONCLUDES—SPECIAL GROUP SESSIONS LISTED BELOW

12:00 – 4:00

REGION ONE ESC PURCHASING COUNCIL MEETING LUNCH PROVIDED