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Happy New Year! No government shutdown on the radar, and some pretty significant changes to federal and state contracting on the horizon!



A big change is the Cybersecurity Maturation Model Certification, or CMMC. It's part of the larger NIST 800.171 standard of computer security passed in 2017. The CMMC has been in planning since mid-2019, and, at the time of this writing, is on version 0.7. However, the Southern Alleghenies PTAC is pleased to be a cosponsor on a webinar with the Monroe County Finger Lakes PTAC of Rochester NY on January 30, 2020 at 2 PM. It's free to attend, but you have to [register here](#)

Another change that segues nicely into training for our clients is changes to the Wide Area Workflow (WAWf) system. As in the past, the program will be presented by

the PTAC and David Kern, Small Business specialist from the Tobyhanna Army Depot. The free, online webinar will take place in late February; stay tuned to our events page for registration info!

In the next few weeks, we are going to have various trainings, both face-to-face and online, covering some interesting topics in government contracting to help your business. Please refer to the events calendar below. Furthermore, you can review and register for upcoming events on our [eCenter page](#)

If you have ideas for topics, or would like to learn more about something, please drop us a line at (814) 949-6500 or [Email](#)

### **The FY 2020 NDAA - What The Defense Contracting Community Needs To Know**

by K. Tyler Thomas, Christopher W.K. Fetzer, and Joseph G. Martinez

On December 20, 2019, President Trump signed the fiscal year 2020 (FY20) National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) into law (Pub. L. 116-92). The NDAA, Congress' annual defense policy bill, is a critical piece of legislation for the contracting community because it provides the funding authority for programs and activities of the Department of Defense (DoD), the largest procurer of goods and services within the US government. In addition, the NDAA is a vehicle for encouraging in some cases, and requiring in others, changes to both DoD and government-wide procurement practices. Therefore, it is critical for the contracting community to understand the provisions of the enacted NDAA.

#### **Budget/Funding**

The NDAA provides \$738 billion in topline funding for the DoD, defense-related programs of the Department of Energy, and defense-related activities of other federal agencies, with a base budget of nearly \$660 billion and an additional \$71.5 billion in funding for overseas contingency operations. In total, the FY20 NDAA authorizes an increase of nearly \$25 billion in national defense topline funding in comparison to the FY19 NDAA.

#### **Establishment of the US Space Force**

The NDAA, sections 951 through 961, establishes the US Space Force. The duties and functions of the Space Force, which is to be established within 18 months after the enactment of the NDAA, include: providing freedom of

operation for the US in, from and to space; providing prompt and sustained space operations; protecting the interests of the US in space; deterring aggression in, from and to space; and conducting space operations. The President will appoint a chief of space operations, who will serve as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and perform duties under the authority, direction and control of the Secretary of the Air Force. Members of the Space Force will be assigned by the Secretary of the Air Force. Following enactment of the NDAA, the Fourteenth Air Force was redesignated as the Space Force's Space Operations Command (SPOC). The NDAA further establishes a Space Force Acquisition Council within the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. The Space Force Acquisition Council is to oversee, direct and manage acquisition and integration of the Air Force for space systems and programs in order to ensure integration across the national security space enterprise.

### **Cybersecurity**

Congress is intently focused on enhancing cybersecurity throughout the national security innovation base (formerly, the defense industrial base) supply chain and providing government contractors with cybersecurity requirements they can implement and against which they can be consistently evaluated. [Continue Reading](#)

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The PTAC at SAP&DC is an economic development entity that bridges the gap between supplier and buyer in the government marketplace. The PTAC stands ready to support businesses in the central PA Alleghenies region in the pursuit to secure contracts with local, state and/or federal government agencies nationwide.

Due to the generous support of our Commonwealth and Federal funding partners, services provided by the PTAC are free of charge.

Whether you are an experienced contractor or new to the government marketplace, the PTAC will provide one-on-one counseling utilizing all of the program resources necessary to increase your share of contract awards.

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