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**Progress Through Regional Cooperation In The Alleghenies**

**State of the PTAC - June 2021**

*by James Gerraughty,  
SAP&DC PTAC Program Manager*



The weather is turning nicer, the garden is getting greener, and our offices are getting...opener? Bad grammar aside, I'm happy to announce that PTAC offices are open for meetings and counselors are able to travel to clients' sites for government contracting assistance! The Southern Alleghenies, North Central, and Northern Tier PTACs are happy to be back and slowly approaching normal operations!

There are going to be some big changes to PTACs across the country, but the services to our clients will be the same and unaffected. I'll outline them in a later newsletter.

Our faithful subscribers may have noticed some new & special newsletters over the last 16 months. We're trying some different ways to showcase our clients' successes and events over the 15-county service area. Kudos to Gloria Brooks of the Southern Alleghenies PTAC for wrangling the content for these special newsletters, and Renee Best for formatting and distributing the regular newsletters!

Training is still a thing! Please review our training opportunities that are coming up in later June and beyond for our PTAC on [our event page](#). You can search by date and location between our 3 centers. We are planning some events involving DDTC & ITAR, the PA COSTARS program, and the timely Cybersecurity/CMMC updates and news. We hope to see you there!

As stated before, we are here to serve you! If you have any questions about government contracting topics, please drop us a line at (814) 949-6500 or send us an [Email](#).

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### **\$15 Minimum Wage Coming to Federal Contracting in 2022**

By Christopher Coleman, Attorney, Koprince Law LLC

Beginning January 30, 2022, all prime contractors and subcontractors doing work on a government contract will be required to pay workers at least \$15 per hour, based on a recent executive order.

The executive order does not stop there, beginning in 2023 the wage will go up annually. When can we expect formal guidance to come out, and what other items are found in the text?

The [executive order](#) itself takes effect immediately, but don't expect to hear any specifics until later this year. The Secretary of Labor shall issue regulations by November 24, 2021, giving a framework for implementing these new wage rules. Within 60 days after that, the FAR will be amended to include these new regulations.

It is unclear whether the public will get a comment period regarding the proposed regulations, but my suspicion is that comments will be noted, and the regulation will take full effect as planned.

A big question I had going in, "is this executive order retroactive?" I think the headache of trying to sort out and enforce this across all existing contracts was a bridge too far, and would be a regulatory nightmare. New contracts entered into on or after January 30, 2022 are subject to the order, as well as option years on existing contracts.

The \$15 number is only a beginning. [Continue Reading](#)

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## White House Aims To Beef Up Nation’s Cybersecurity After Pipeline Hack

By Patrick Tucker, Technology Editor, DefenseOne

A new executive order shifts how the government buys software and gives consumers visibility into products’ security features.

A new [executive order](#), issued days after ransomware [shut a major U.S. pipeline](#), aims to change how companies manage and report cybersecurity incidents, give consumers better ways to evaluate the security of products and services, and create a standard playbook for federal responses to breaches and attacks.

“We routinely install software with significant vulnerabilities to some of our most critical systems and infrastructure,...systems that are used to deliver our power and our water to help manage traffic,” a senior Biden administration official told reporters during a call on Wednesday. “Continuing status quo is simply unacceptable.”

The order will likely force businesses to [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.

Contact us today at The PTAC at SAP&DC to get started!

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