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### Progress Through Regional Cooperation In The Alleghenies

#### State of the PTAC - September 2022

by James Gerraughty,  
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Winding down the last month of the federal government fiscal year is a whirlwind. A lot of last-minute spending and planning for next fiscal year goes on. While it's not a breeze, the PTAC is here to help!

Readers will be happy to see that I have something else to talk about, instead of SAM. We have a Veterans Information Resource Event happening on November 2, 2022 in Hollidaysburg, PA. There is an accompanying article for more information

In the next few weeks, we're going to have various trainings, mostly online. Some topics of interest will be Cybersecurity Best Practices throughout the Fall of 2022, The Veterans Resource program, and the three-peat of the Tri State

PTAC Mega Matchmaker in December. Please 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 by [Email](#).

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### **Veterans Information Resource Event**

On November 2, 2022, the SAP&DC PTAC is proud to host the Veterans Information Resource Event. This event will focus on resources available to Veterans in rural areas. It will take place at the American Legion Post 516 Social Hall, Hollidaysburg from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Veterans will learn about programs to be utilized for recovery, starting a business, learning about bidding and certifications for state and federal contracts, family services, business owners looking to export products, and other programs available to you. This full day event will provide a great opportunity for informational resources. A networking breakfast and lunch will be provided to all registrants.

This event is open to all veterans and is a great opportunity and informational resource. There will be representatives from all avenues for veterans to explore and obtain knowledge, including:

- SAP&DC Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC; Government Contracting & Subcontracting information & opportunities)
- Starting a business
- PA National Guard Soldier & Family Representative
- PA Dept. of Military and Veterans' Affairs
- James E. VanZandt Representative
- International Trade
- Horizon Behavioral Health PLLC
- Joseph T. Berrena Mechanicals, Inc.

To register, please [visit here](#) and click the green "Sign Up" button, or by contacting Gloria Brooks at 814-949-6518 or [by email](#).

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### **Back to Basics: SBA's Mentor-Protégé Program**

By Gregory Weber, Attorney, Koprince McCal Pottroff LLC

One of the biggest gamechangers among Federal Contracting programs is the SBA's Mentor Protégé Program. It provides an avenue for small businesses and large businesses to work together where they otherwise may not have been able to previously, helps federal contractors develop their companies, and can provide protection from affiliation. However, in order for businesses to take advantage of this program, the relationship between the mentor and protégé businesses must meet certain requirements. This entry in SmallGovCon's Back to Basics series will provide a

quick overview of some of the requirements and important areas for contractors to remember if they are considering participating in the SBA's Mentor-Protégé Program.

Before we dive into some of the points of the SBA's Mentor-Protégé Program, we presume you are like us and really enjoy learning about the SBA' Mentor-Protégé Program. Well, if you are reading this prior to August 30, 2022, you are in luck because SmallGovCon's own Shane McCall and Nicole Pottroff will be hosting a webinar on August 30, 2022, discussing in detail various updates to the SBA's Mentor-Protégé Program. Registration for their webinar through Govology can be found here. Now lets dive in to some of the points of the SBA's Mentor-Protégé Program.

*What is the SBA's Mentor-Protégé Program?*

The Mentor-Protégé Program through the SBA is a program in which an "other-than-small" (read "large") business can provide a small business access to its resources, experience and assistance, and in turn the large business can join with the small business to perform small business set-aside contracts. [Continue Reading](#)

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### **For the First Time, Government Asks Public for Input on Census Design**

By Edward Graham, Technology Reporter, NextGov

Recommendations from the public will help ensure that the Census Bureau is using the right tools and technology to reach all residents in the 2030 census.

The U.S. Census Bureau is asking the public for suggestions to help guide the planning and design of the 2030 census, with an eye toward soliciting recommendations on how to use new technologies, data sources and other tools to encourage more people to respond to the next census.

The request, published in a Federal Register notice on Aug. 17, comes as the Bureau continues to work on the early stages of its design selection phase for the next decennial census. The public feedback will help guide the initial operational design of the 2030 census, which the Census Bureau said it plans to decide in 2024.

"For the first time, the public can formally give input on planning and designing the next census," a spokesperson for the Census Bureau said.

The notice cites a variety of factors that could affect participation in the 2030 census, including constrained fiscal environments, rapidly changing uses of technology, distrust in government, declining response rates, increasingly diverse populations and a growing mobile population that makes it difficult to locate individuals. The Census Bureau said in its request for comment that public feedback could help address these challenges and encourage more participation in the next count of U.S. residents. [Continue Reading](#)

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