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**Progress Through Regional Cooperation In The Alleghenies**

**State of the PTAC - October 2022**

*by James Gerraughty,  
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Happy New (federal) Year! A couple of things have changed since I last wrote here. The big one is PTAC is under new federal management with the DoD Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP). The transition from Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to OSBP will take some time, but there won't be any disruption of service to clients, both current and potential. We also want to wish a fond farewell to our longtime grants officer, Natalie Ross, and wish her well in her retirement!

I don't like sounding like a broken record, but I want to bring reader's attention to our Veteran Information Resource Event, happening on November 2, 2022 in Hollidaysburg, PA. There is an accompanying article for more information, but I want to stress that you **must register to attend**. The event has a lot of

different presentations for Veterans and their companies support, and we will need a head count!

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**

***Repeating this article...Free to attend, but you must register!***

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.

**It is free to attend this event, but you must register! 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: Limitations on Subcontracting**

By Gregory Weber, Attorney, Koprince McCal Pottroff LLC

One of the common questions small business contractors ask themselves when planning performance of a contract is “how much of this work are we allowed to subcontract?” Trying to answer this question inevitably leads contractors to one of the most commonly used and frequently misunderstood rules in federal contracting, the Limitations on Subcontracting. In this post, we will break down some of the basics of this rule, and hopefully clear up any basic misunderstandings regarding it.

*What is the Limitations on Subcontracting rule?*

The Limitations on Subcontracting rule is found at 13 C.F.R. § 125.6 and FAR 52.219-14. The rule sets limits on how much work assigned to a prime contractor may be subcontracted by the prime contractor to subcontractors that are not similarly situated.

*Why does the Limitations on Subcontracting rule exist?*

The Limitations on Subcontracting rule was created to help balance two policy goals: 1) ensuring small businesses don’t serve as “pass-throughs” for large entities; and 2) allowing small businesses the resources needed to complete set-aside and sole source contracts. By allowing subcontracting by small businesses who were awarded contracts, it gives small businesses a better chance to adequately perform contracts and gain experience they may not be able to do on their own. Meanwhile, by placing limits on the amount that can be subcontracted, it ensures that the small business has to perform some amount of meaningful work, so they don’t simply serve as pass-throughs. [Continue Reading](#)

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## **CISA Plans to Measure the Effect of Coming Standards on Industry’s Cybersecurity**

By Miriam Baksh, Senior Correspondent, NextGov

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency will spend the next three years measuring the success of the government’s effort to protect both publicly and privately controlled critical infrastructure from cyberattacks.

According to a national plan the agency just released to take it through 2025, CISA’s strategy will involve performance goals that were due at the end of July under a national security memorandum addressing cybersecurity for industrial control systems used in critical infrastructure. The agency is planning to issue them sometime in October—cybersecurity awareness month—CISA Executive Assistant Director for Cybersecurity Eric Goldstein said Thursday before lawmakers on the House Homeland Security Committee.

“Where appropriate within CISA authorities, we will set standards and recommendations to guide security decisions, much like our efforts to establish performance goals and increase the cross-sector cybersecurity baseline,” the CISA plan reads. [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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