

# **Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development's Government Contracting Expert Appointed as Regional Director**

## **James Gerraughty to be Sworn in in St. Louis in Early April**

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**Altoona, PA** – James F. Gerraughty, MBA, CPP, Government Procurement Program Manager at the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAP&DC), will be appointed as Region 3 Director at the upcoming Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (APTAC) Spring Conference 2016 in St. Louis on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

The Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (APTAC) is the professional organization for Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) across the country, providing training and legislative knowledge on contracting-related issues. The PTACs are divided into 11 regions across the country. SAP&DC's PTAC is in Region 3, which is comprised of PTACs in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

James Gerraughty, SAP&DC's PTAC Program Manager, will be appointed to the Region 3 director, effective April 3, 2016. His term will run until Spring of 2017, when he will run for a two-year term. He will be sworn in at the APTAC Spring Conference in St. Louis, MO.

The Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) at SAP&DC which provides one-on-one counseling to businesses guiding them through vendor qualifying criteria and to the appropriate market entry points while instructing them on the protocols and procedures for each market. They serve businesses in Bedford, Blair, Fulton, and Huntingdon Counties.

"This appointment will allow me to better serve our clients here in the Southern Alleghenies", said Mr. Gerraughty. "I will have advance knowledge of services, programs, legislative changes as well as better cooperation with other PTACs around the nation".

### **About Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (APTAC)**

Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (APTAC) [[www.aptac-us.org](http://www.aptac-us.org)] is the professional organization of and for DLA-funded Procurement Technical Assistance Programs. APTAC supports the PTACs by providing them important information, professional networking, comprehensive training opportunities and a voice in national government contracting assistance and policy arenas.

Ninety-eight Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) – with over 300 local offices – form a nationwide network of dedicated procurement professionals working to help local businesses compete successfully in the government marketplace. PTACs are the bridge between buyer and supplier, bringing to bear their knowledge of both government contracting and the capabilities of contractors to maximize fast, reliable service to our government with better quality and at lower costs.

**About Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAP&DC) and The Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)**

The Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAP&DC) [[www.sapdc.org](http://www.sapdc.org)] is a non-profit regional economic and community development organization serving Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset Counties.

SAP&DC's mission is to address human resource development, encourage the creation and retention of jobs, and to improve the quality of life for residents of the Alleghenies.

SAP&DC's Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) helps regional businesses create and retain jobs by increasing sales of goods and services to government agencies. The PTAC provides businesses with the individual guidance and resources necessary to develop strategies for securing a share of lucrative local, state and federal government markets. Funded through Cooperative Agreements between the U.S. Department of Defense and state and local governments/institutions, PTAC provides free and low-cost assistance in virtually all areas of government contracting.

For more information on how your business can utilize the services at PTAC, please contact, Mr. James Gerraughty, PTAC Program Manager, [jgerraughty@sapdc.org](mailto:jgerraughty@sapdc.org), (814) 949-6528

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