



Progress Through Regional Cooperation In The Alleghenies

State of the Southern Alleghenies APEX Accelerator - April
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It's been a busy month since the last newsletter. We had our national association Spring conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, the end of our transition year to DoD's Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP), and the last-minute adjustments on our funding for the upcoming year. All in a day's (well, month's) work for the APEX Accelerator.

I'm happy to report that we have received our funding notice for 2024, and we will continue our services to our 15-county service area in central PA. I want to thank the North Central, Northern Tier, and Southern Alleghenies commissions for supporting us, and Barb, Chris, Ethan, Gloria, Renee, Debbi, and Carrie for putting up with the (often last-minute) requests for changes.

If nothing else, our training will cast a larger net with topics. Please review our training opportunities that are coming up in April 2024 and beyond on our [eCenter page](#). Stop back often, as the training events do update regularly!

Finally, 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](#). We'd love to hear from you!

Biden administration waives certain 'Build America' requirements for broadband **By Kery Murakami, Senior Reporter, Route Fifty**

Even with the waiver, though, the administration estimates that roughly 90% of funding for equipment will still be used to purchase U.S.-made products.

The federal government says it's OK for some components used in building out the nation's broadband network to come from other countries.

The waiver announced last week by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, or NTIA, addresses a key concern among states over requirements in the federal Build America, Buy America Act that infrastructure projects have to be built with products made in the U.S.

"I think we all generally support the goals of Build America, Buy America," said Christine Hallquist, executive director of the Vermont Community Broadband Board,

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