



Doing Business with USCG and USACE

Last Call for Construction, Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Firms!

The US Coast Guard and the US Army Corps of Engineers are looking for construction, architecture, engineering, and environmental firms to perform work on various projects in New England. The RI PTAC will host a session on October 3, 2017 at the Warwick Public Library. Representatives from these agencies will give an overview of upcoming bid opportunities. To register for this session, please visit <https://riptac.ecenterdirect.com/events>.

Doing Business with the State of Rhode Island

Please join RI PTAC, the Division of Purchasing, and the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) for a session on doing business with the State of Rhode Island. Topics to be covered include: navigating the purchasing website, understanding Master Price Agreements (MPAs) and the continuous recruitment process.

In addition, ODEO will talk about the bidding process and how Minority-Owned Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise participation can earn a bidder extra points. To register go to: <https://riptac.ecenterdirect.com/events>

Cybersecurity Resources

The December 31, 2017 deadline for having a cyber security plan to comply with NIST 800-171 is coming soon, are you ready? We have compiled a list of local companies that can assist small businesses with NIST 800-171 compliance assessment and implementation. Check the list [on our website](#).

NUWC Annual Small Business Product Vendor Showcase

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center- Division Newport will be hosting their 5th Annual Small Business Product Vendor Showcase on October 18, 2017. For registration information, refer to the [FedBizOpps Announcement](#).

NUWC has also recently released its two year [Long Range Acquisition Forecast](#). It gives an overview of what contracts are coming up and when the RFPs are expected be released for each.

Design for Manufacturing Innovation Grant

Employees of Rhode Island manufacturers with annual sales of 10% or greater to the Department of Defense may qualify for one of two different Design Thinking

certificate of training programs under a DoD grant.

One is through [Bryant University](#) and the other through [RI School of Design \(RISD\)](#). Both programs will recommence in October 2017 and the tuition rates for each of the Design Thinking programs are listed on their respective web links. The DoD grant will reimburse participating students who work for qualifying RI manufacturing employers. Visit the web links above for more information on either program.

Disaster Response Contracting

In the aftermath of a disaster, potential contractors swarm to the site hoping for a piece of the clean-up and recovery effort. For inexperienced players, it can be chaotic, confusing, and cut-throat, as informal subcontracting agreements, which may not be enforceable, are made on the ground. Sometimes third-party firms falsely promise no-bid contracts to those who pay to be on a "priority vendors list" (there is no such list). Government officials in charge of relief efforts are overwhelmed and information may be hard to come by. What is a small contractor to do? [Read more...](#)

RI Public Utilities - Alternative Energy Options

Did you know that there are many alternative energy providers in the state? You can shop competitive suppliers for your small business or home at the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (RIPUC) [site](#). Compare your options and make informed power supply choices. The competitive supplier is responsible for the energy cost portion of your bill. The electric distribution company will continue to deliver power to your home or business and respond to service calls, emergencies, and storm restoration. The RIPUC provides this [free resource](#) for quickly finding the best electric rate.

Upcoming Events and Workshops

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