

# Rhode Island PTAC



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## Plan - to Stay in Business Business Continuity Planning

Preparing for your worst day is good for business... How quickly your company is back in business following a disaster will depend on emergency planning done today. The regular occurrence of natural disasters, utility and technology outages, and the potential for terrorism demonstrates the importance of being prepared for many different types of emergencies. By recognizing that each situation is unique, your organization will be better prepared if it plans accordingly. A commitment to planning today will help support employees, customers, and even the community. It also protects your business investment and gives your company a better chance for survival.

For additional help on starting your Business Continuity Plan, download the RI Emergency Management Agency's: [12 Steps to Business Continuity Guide](#)

For more information about business preparedness visit [www.riema.ri.gov](http://www.riema.ri.gov)

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## DLA's The LINK Newsletter

DLA has just released the 10th issue of "The Link" newsletter, a quarterly publication highlighting information important to DLA suppliers. [click here to read](#)

### Articles in this issue:

- **New DIBBS Registration Process**
  - **Wide Area Workflow (WAWF) Tips**
  - **Packaging/Shipping Video**
  - **Fraud Alert!**
  - **Changes are coming to the 1155 and EDI**
  - **Medical Supplies for Overseas Shipments**
  - **Small Business Overview for Suppliers**
  - **Acronyms (great resource!)**
  - **The next issue is scheduled for January 2019**
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## SCAM Alert: Fake Invoices From PTAC

It is unfortunate, but like any big marketplace, the government market is not immune to scams. We have warned clients many times in the past about scams ranging from paying for SAM and FEMA registrations to being fooled by fake websites posing to be official government sites. Now, another scam has recently surfaced that involves businesses receiving invoices for Procurement Technical Assistance Services. If you have received an invoice for Procurement Technical Assistance Services, please notify your PTAC Counselor. Rhode Island PTAC does not charge for its services

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## Upcoming Webinars

The PTAC subscribes to Govology, a Government Contracting webinar service and our subscription benefits you!

**Webinar: 2018 Federal Contracting Year End Review**

**December 13, 2018 1:00-2:30pm - 2018 has been an eventful year in the realm of federal contracting. In this presentation, government contracts attorney Steven Koprince covers some of the most important legal developments of 2018 and offers predictions about major developments in 2019.**

**If you are interested in watching please contact your PTAC counselor to request an access code.**

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## DLA Land and Maritime Training Opportunities

Defense Logistics Agency Land & Maritime regularly holds training sessions both in person and online. Upcoming trainings include:

- Pricing Tuesday, December 4, 2018 2:00pm -3:00pm
- Alternate Offers Tuesday December 11, 2018 2:00pm-3:00pm

For more information and registration, please visit [www.tko.dla.mil](http://www.tko.dla.mil) and select "Land and Maritime" from the drop-down. DLA also hosts a number of industry focused events. Scheduled events include:

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## Save the Date - April 25-26, 2019! DoD New England Region Matchmaker

The annual Department of Defense Northeast Region Council Matchmaker is planned for April 25-26, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Portland, ME.

This event is an excellent opportunity to gain face time with federal agency and prime contractor buyers. This event only happens once a year so be sure to save this date on your calendar now!

**More information coming soon.**

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## Fun Fact DLA Troop Support History

Did you know that DLA Troop Support has been around for almost 240 years? Troop Support traces its roots to 1779 with the construction of the Schuylkill Arsenal in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a warehouse for guns ammunition and other military supplies. The arsenal also supplied clothing and textile materials during the War of 1812.

In 1818, the Schuylkil Arsenal gave up its ammunitions mission to fully dedicate itself to manufacturing, storing and distributing clothing and textiles. Seamstresses and tailors were hired to make uniforms for troops during the Civil War and World War I. Increased demand prompted a move to a larger facility which, in 1926, was renamed the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot.

For decades the organization has increased its support by providing food, medicines, construction equipment and repairs. Although the name has changed, DLA Troop Support continues to ensure the readiness of America's Warfighters much more than a couple of paragraphs. Place article copy here.

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## Upcoming Events and Workshops

### **Navigating Bid Match**

Thursday, January 17, 2019 9:00am - 11:00am

RI Commerce Corporation

315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101 Providence, RI

learn how to submit the keywords, phrases, and product codes -NSNs, SICs, NAICS that best describe your business. Learn about the common errors - keyword misspellings and pluralization's, wildcards, proximity statements, exclude statements, and many other issues that can be added or deleted to your search profiles to produce the most accurate results possible.

### **GSA Update**

Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:00am - 12:00pm

RI Commerce Corporation

315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101 Providence RI

A representative from the (GSA) General Services Administration will give a GSA Update presentation on scheduling transformation and other related efficiencies to be implemented. Q & A to follow presentation.

Register at : <https://riptac.ecenterdirect.com/events>

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