



## RI PTAC Newsletter | December 2021

Rhode Island Procurement Technical Assistance Center

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### GSA Schedule vs. Open Market

Thursday, December 9, 2021  
1:00-3:00pm

This workshop discusses commonly used methods of acquisition such as GSA's Multiple Awards Schedule and the Simplified acquisition Procedures. This event will help you analyze different scenarios as you develop your acquisition strategy.

To register: [GSA Schedule vs. Open Market](#)



AFWERX

### Year In Review with Maj. Jason Rathje PhD.

December 9th, 2021  
12:00pm

AFWERX was started this year with the goal of using military problems to accelerate commercial technologies. Join AFWERX and AFVentures Division Chief, Maj Jason

Rathje, PhD. as he shares a recap of 2021. You don't want to miss this one as he discusses key wins and upcoming opportunities.

To register: [Year In Review](#)

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## Open Topic Forum

December 16th, 2021

12:00pm

Join this AFWERX open topic webinar. The AFWERX team will be here to answer all your questions related to their program.

To register: [Open Topic Webinar](#)

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### Data Rights and the Government Contractor: Limited Data Rights

Unlimited data rights give the government the power to do what they wish in regards to data. The FAR states that these unlimited data rights are the governments default rights. Although the governments rights to a contractors preexisting data can be restricted through "Limited Data Rights" and "Restricted Computer Software".

Continue reading: [Limited Data Rights](#)

Posted [October 6, 2021](#) by [John Holtz](#)

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## HUSCH BLACKWELL

### FAR Council Publishes Update to Small Business Subcontracting Regulations

In September of this year the FAR Council published a rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to clarify how Contracting Officers will evaluate the "good faith efforts" prime contractors do to comply with a small business subcontracting plan. While this rule is not a drastic change to what had been written before it gives examples for business to clarify what is a good faith effort.

Continue reading: ["Good Faith Efforts" Rule](#)

Posted [November 17, 2021](#) by [Maya Desai](#)

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### SBA Proposes Rule to Use 24-Month Period to Calculate

## Number of Employees

The SBA has proposed a rule that would use a 24-month period when calculating a company's number of employees. The preceding rule took the average number of employees from each pay period in the last 12 months. This proposed rule effectively doubles this length of time. This new rule could make businesses smaller or larger depending on different situations.

Continue reading: [24-Month Period Rule](#)

Posted [November 10, 2021](#) by [Steven Koprince](#)

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Notice: If you have any questions on the Covid Mandate for federal government contractors please contact your PTAC Counselor. We will be able to provide the most up to date covid information.

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### **Determining Your Proposal Strategy**

**December 1, 2021  
1:00 - 2:30pm**

This webinar will discuss the critical factors of an effective proposal strategy. A well developed and clear proposal strategy is developed before an RFP even comes out. It should guide the proposal process until delivery. This webinar will teach you how to develop an effective proposal

strategy.

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**Purchasing Cooperative: What  
They Are and How to Leverage  
Them**

This webinar will be an overview of purchasing cooperatives. It will explain what they are, how they work, and how they can win contracts for your business.

**December 7, 2021  
1:00 - 2:30pm**

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**Rhode Island Commerce Corporation  
Resource Information for Small Business Assistance**

**Website: [commerceri.com/covid-19/](https://commerceri.com/covid-19/)**

