



## **RI PTAC Newsletter | November 2021**

**Rhode Island Procurement Technical Assistance Center**

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**RI PTAC Presents**

### **VA Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization Webinar**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021  
8:30am - 10:00am**

This webinar will have representatives from the VA speak about what opportunities what may be available at the Veterans' Administration for your business.

Register at: [VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization](#)

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### **Understanding the Joint Certification Program (JCP)**

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**



The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Office of Small Business Programs offers monthly webinars to educate small businesses and others about DLA's mission and opportunities to participate in our various supply chains.

Being certified in the JCP is necessary to receive unclassified technical data. This webinar will help you understand the process and what is needed/expected from you.

To register: [Joint Certification Program](#)

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**Virtual Small Business  
Industry Day  
November 10, 2021  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

the National Institutes of Health are hosting a Virtual Small Business Industry Day. Be sure to register soon because **space is limited**. Join NIH for this day long event to learn about procurement opportunities and contracting vehicles that NIH uses. This is a great networking event to engage with NIH and large prime contractors.

To register: [NIH Small Business Industry Day](#)

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## **HUSCH BLACKWELL**

### **New Proposed Rule Seeks to Implement Accelerated Payments to Small Business Contractors Across the Government**

The FAR council has issued a proposed rule that could potentially speed up payments to small business contractors. This new rule seeks to incentivize agencies to pay small businesses within 15 days. This proposed rule will apply to commercial contracts as well those under the the simplified acquisition threshold.

Continue reading: [New FAR Proposed Rule](#)

Posted: [October 4, 2021](#) by [George Stewart](#)



**DOD Construction: House-Passed 2022 NDAA Establishes**

## **Preferences for Local Contractors**

Department of Defense contracts under the new 2022 National Defense Authorization Act will have preferences for local construction companies. The house agreed to an amendment that requires, to the extent practicable, the DOD to give preference to construction companies that hire local employees.

It also requires contractors and subcontractors on military construction contracts to be licensed in the state where the work is being performed.

Continue reading: [Preferences for Local Construction Companies](#)

Posted [October 6, 2021](#) by [Steven Koprince](#)



## **House-Passed 2022 NDAA Raises Sole Source Thresholds for 8(a), SDVOSB, HUBZone, and WOSB/EDWOSB Contracts**

The National Defense Authorization Act would increase sole source thresholds for socioeconomic preference programs. An amendment to the House version of the 2022 NDAA includes an amendment that would raise the sole source caps for contracts awarded to qualified 8(a) Program participants, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, HUBZone Program participants, and woman-owned small businesses.

Continue reading: [Sole Source Thresholds](#)

Posted [October 14, 2021](#) by [Steven Koprince](#)

## **Notice: Contracting Officer Signature Appearance Changes**

Contracting Officer signature appearances on manually generated contract actions have now changed due to modern web browser requirements. This PDF below has more information and examples of the changes.

[New Contracting Officer Signature](#)

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## **Upcoming Webinars November 2021**

RI PTAC subscribes to **Govology**, a government

# contracting training webinar service and our subscription benefits PTAC clients!



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**If you are a PTAC client and interested in viewing any of the below Govology Webinars, contact your PTAC Counselor or email: [PTAC@RIPTAC.org](mailto:PTAC@RIPTAC.org) for log-in information.**

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### Cost and Price Realism

**November 3, 2021  
1:00 - 2:30pm**

This webinar will discuss cost and price realism and how they are used in the award-decision making process. It will show the techniques used to conduct cost and price realism analysis, along with comparing and contrasting how they influence reasonableness determinations.

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### Understanding and Complying with the Nonmanufacturer Rule

**November 4, 2021  
1:00 - 2:30pm**

To sell another entities manufactured products in government contracting a company must be a "nonmanufacturer". This webinar dives into what being a nonmanufacturer entails according to the FAR.

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### Evolving DoD Contractor Cybersecurity Requirements

**November 16, 2021  
1:00 - 2:30pm**

All federal contractors have certain base cybersecurity requirements they must implement on their IT systems that process federal contract related data. This webinar will break down those requirements, the challenges, and provide resources to navigate the cybersecurity landscape.

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### Financing Your Government Contracts

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

Few business owners know about the sources of cash available to them in government contracting. This webinar will show the financing options available to contractors. Knowing what you have available to you and who to contact for assistance is key to avoiding a cash shortfall.

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## Resource Information for Small Business Assistance

**COVID-19 Info Line:** (401) 521-HELP

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Please visit the Commerce website for information about programs and initiatives available for businesses

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



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