



RI PTAC Newsletter | September 2021

Rhode Island Procurement Technical Assistance Center

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Proposed FAR Amendments to Buy American Act Increases Competition for Federal Contracts and the Supply Chain

A proposed amendment to the Federal Acquisition Regulations ("FAR") published on July 30, 2021 will "strengthen the impact of the Buy American Act" ("BAA") over the next eight years, according to the Federal Register notice. Read the full article for all the details.

Continue reading: [FAR Amendments](#)

Posted [August 10, 2021](#) by [Tony Busch](#)



FAR Final Rule on Limitations on Subcontracting

The Department of Defense have issued a final rule amending the far guidance on subcontracting. This new rule has been put in place with conjunction with the General Service Administration and NASA. This final rule will come into effect September 10th, 2021. Follow the link to the rest of this article to understand what these changes are, and what they mean for government contractors such as yourself.



Forecast of Contracting Opportunities

The GSA forecasting tool focuses on acquisition planning and increases awareness of potential prime and subcontracting opportunities. This tool is made to help GSA buyers and vendors easily communicate around potential contracting opportunities. All federal agencies are able to use this tool. It includes information for GSA, Department of Interior (DOI) and the Department of Labor (DOL).

For more detail and info: [GSA Forecasting Tool](#)



RI PTAC Presents

CONTRACTING 101

Is government contracting a good fit for your business?

**Tuesday, August 31, 2021
11:00 AM - 12:30PM**

Join Charlene Bouthillette, RI PTAC Procurement Specialist, for an informational session about the basics of government contracting. This webinar will help you prepare your business for state and federal procurement opportunities. This session will guide you through the basics of government contracting.

To register: [Contracting 101](#)



2021 R&D Industry Collider Day

**Wednesday September 8,
2021
8:30 - 4:00pm**

Come speak directly to the leading combat logistics professionals about your innovations, your challenges, and hear more about opportunities for working together.

The event is focused on conversations to build and support our innovation community with three tracks focused on hearing from innovators like yourself. These tracks are: Doing Business with DLA, Environmental Initiatives, and Supply Chain Technology. In addition, Project Managers will be on hand for direct conversations in the afternoon. See more on the [Agenda](#).

To register for this event go to: [R&D Collider Day](#)



GSA Schedules Program - What You Need to Know

**Thursday, September 16, 2021
10:00am - 11:30am**

General Services Administration staff will present this webinar for companies. It will provide an overview of GSA, the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU); discuss the importance of market research; outline the prerequisites and documents needed to become a GSA Schedules contractor.

To register: [GSA Registration](#)

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Upcoming Webinars August - September 2021

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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 for log-in information.

**The Freedom of Information Act –
What It Is and Why It Matters in
Small Business Government
Contracting**

**August 31, 2021
1:00 - 2:30pm**

The Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") can be an important tool for federal contractors. Skillful use of FOIA can help contractors make themselves more competitive in future procurements. In this webinar, Matthew Moriarty will talk about how FOIA works and what to do if your request is denied.

**Preparing for Growth of Your
GovCon Business**

**September 14, 2021
1:00 - 2:30pm**

This webinar will discuss the common issues small businesses face during growth. You will learn how to plan for growth by managing cash flow and working capital, funding growth with debt and equity, and planning your operations. You will also learn how to achieve Govcon compliance during growth.

**Teaming, Joint Ventures, and
Mentor-Protégé Relationships on
Set-Aside Federal Contracts**

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

this webinar will explain the ins and outs of Teaming, Joint Ventures, and the Mentor-Protégé programs so that you can learn how to properly utilize these strategies while protecting your small business status.

**Want to Access the Billions of
Dollars within the Department of
Energy? Here's How!**

**September 21, 2021
1:00 - 2:30pm**

In this joint presentation, Lani Macrae, the Department of Energy (DOE), and Rexann Dunn, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), will share the breadth and scope of the DOE and highlight one of the most interesting labs of the Department.

**The Ins and Outs of Federal Small
Disadvantaged Business Self-
Certification**

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

The Administration recently announced plans to increase contracting with small disadvantaged businesses (SDB) by 50% in the coming years. But this increased emphasis on SDB contracting is likely to come with additional enforcement, making it critical for you to understand whether your business is eligible to self-certify as an SDB.



Rhode Island Commerce Corporation
Resource Information for Small Business Assistance

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

E-mail: info@commerceri.com

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

Website: commerceri.com/covid-19/



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