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FY 2017 PTAP funding enacted

Great news! Last week, both the House (by a 309-118 vote) and the Senate (by a 79-18 vote) passed the FY 2017 omnibus appropriations bill—which funds the government for the rest of the fiscal year (through September 30)—and the President has now signed it. The Defense section includes the \$11.7 million plus up above the request for the PTAP, the same level passed earlier this year. It is our understanding that DLA will henceforth be making fully funded awards and will soon send modifications to fully fund those PTACs initially issued 50% funding.



Congress will now turn its attention to funding bills for fiscal year 2018, which begins on October 1. APTAC will keep you informed of any news relevant to the Procurement Technical Assistance Program.

Coming this summer: DoD FedMall

FEDMALL – FED’S STATE-OF-THE-ART ONLINE SHOPPING DESTINATION – ARRIVES THIS SUMMER

The way Department of Defense, local, state and federal agency employees shop online for supplies is about to change.

DOD EMALL, which has been the required purchase location for 20 years, reached its business growth limit and required a significant technological upgrade. Its replacement is Federal Mall, or FedMall, and it is set to launch this summer.

“FedMall is a modern software with improved functionalities and a new look and feel, similar to industry e-commerce websites,” Phillip Deboe, FedMall program manager, said. “It looks more like what online shoppers are accustomed to, including easy registration, a streamlined ordering process, descriptive product information and photos, check-out functions, and purchase status view.”

Streamlined to provide users with a state-of-the-art online shopping – and selling – experience, FedMall aims to become the federal government’s online shopping destination of choice. It offers the ease of a commercial site but caters to the acquisition needs of the government.

DLA’s vision for FedMall is to become the e-commerce storefront of choice across the entire government landscape, making it the authoritative source among industry and government acquisition communities. [Read More](#)

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Meet APTAC's new Vice President for Education



EDUCATION CHAIR DEBBIE BARBER APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY

Congratulations to University of Tennessee PTAC's Debbie Barber, who has been appointed as APTAC's Vice President for Education, filling the vacancy created with Tiffany Scrogg's election as President-elect.

Debbie spent nine years working with the Greater Columbus (OH) Chamber of Commerce PTAC as a procurement specialist and procurement director. Her experience, success and passion for helping businesses sell to the government led her to Tennessee and back to the PTAC program. She continues to be committed to expanding opportunities for woman owned businesses through the certification process while also sourcing government business opportunities in Tennessee.

Debbie has worked for the Women's Business Enterprise Council - Southeast (WBEC-SE) in Columbus, Ohio and the Women's Business Enterprise Council South as the Tennessee representative. She was an active member of Women for Economic Leadership and Development (WELD) and served several terms as president of chapters of the National Contract Management Association in both Ohio and Tennessee. She has a BS in Business and a Master's Degree in Strategic Leadership, as well as holding APTAC's Certified Contracting Assistance Specialist (CCAS) and a Certified Procurement Professional (CPP) certifications. Debbie has served as Chair of the APTAC ATC subcommittee for several years and Chair of the Education Committee for the last two years.

The appointment was made by APTAC President Jane Dowgwill, who says, "I am excited to have Debbie Barber as our new VP for Education. Tiffany Scroggs has done an excellent job in this role, and as she transitions to our new President-Elect, I know Debbie will continue and build on all the important progress we have made in APTAC's education programs."

... and new Bylaws Committee Chair

APTAC is pleased to announce that Delaware PTAC's Juanita Beauford has accepted an appointment as Chair of APTAC's Bylaws Committee.

Juanita has been with the Delaware PTAC since 2000, having become Director in 2001. Prior to that, she was a business owner - and government contractor - for 10 years. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Master of Science degrees in Public Administration and Human Resource Management and a Master's certificate in Federal Contract Management. She is certified by APTAC as a Certified Procurement Professional (CPP) and a Certified Contract Assistance Specialist (Level 3) and is a VA Veteran Verification Partner.



She served APTAC as Region 2 Director for 7 years, Education Chair for 1 year, Vice President of Education for 1 year, Treasurer for 2 years, and a three year stint as President-elect, President and Immediate Past President..

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Thanks to **Florida PTAC's Pat Simpson** for sharing her [Contracting Readiness Checklist](#). This is a great resource to use with new clients. To see all of our resources related to [Client Intake](#), [click here](#).

Montana PTAC's Phillip Luebke has updated his discussion post about state/local government use of GSA's Cooperative Purchasing Program, providing a list [of state points of contact for the 1122 Program](#), which "offers Americans peace of mind by enabling states and units of local government access to federal sources of supply, to purchase equipment in support of counter-drug, homeland security and emergency response activities." [Click here to read the entire stream](#).

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