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From left: Denise Warner, Jackie Wolfe and Mary Lee Kolich of the Maryland PTAC

## IAE event seeking input on beta.SAM.gov

PTACs and businesses are invited to participate in the next Integrated Award Environment (IAE) industry outreach event to be held on **June 13, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM ET**. To allow for maximum participation, this event is entirely virtual. [Click here to register](#).



This Industry Day event will focus on introducing beta.SAM.gov and gaining industry input on role management, workspace, entity registration, and other topics. There will be a demonstration of IAE's approach to role management on the federal side as a starting point to discussion of what industry needs. Updates will also be provided with regard to workspace and entity registration design, in addition to a discussion of all of the functions for beta.SAM.gov user engagement, including:

- How users have been engaged to date in building beta.SAM.gov
- All of the alpha testing that has occurred to date
- How to become involved in both alpha and beta testing moving forward

Christy Hermansen, the Design Lead for IAE, beta.SAM.gov, will lead the discussion about these changes. There will be time for questions and answers at the end of the program. The online presentations, and all of the accompanying materials from previous events, are available in the [IAE Industry Community page on Interact](#).

A recording of the full June 13, 2017 session, all handouts, and other materials will also be posted online in the IAE's Interact Industry Community following the event. Direct questions regarding any of the IAE Industry Day events to [IAEO Outreach@gsa.gov](mailto:IAEO Outreach@gsa.gov).

Recordings of past Industry days and their supplementary materials are also available. Click the links below to access them.

[What's New in SAM Industry Day \(March 29, 2017\)](#)

[From 10 Systems to One—Industry Day \(November 29, 2016\)](#)

### Contracting News:

[Push Coming to Reduce Commercial Regulations](#)

[FTC Provides Cybersecurity Information for Small Businesses](#)

[Benefits and Risks of Public Construction](#)

[Federal Contracting Trends Expected to Continue](#)

[Administration's Focus on Workforce Reduction May Benefit Contractors](#)



**Number of the Week:**

**41,350**

**Businesses received PTAC services in 2016**

## Add your “2 cents” re: DoD acquisition reform

### SECTION 809 PANEL SEEKING COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A provision in the FY 2016 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)—Section 809—created a panel tasked with finding ways to streamline and improve the defense acquisition process. This 18 member panel has 2 years to develop recommendations for changes in the regulation and associated statute to achieve those ends. The section 809 panel is broken up into teams that analyze specific topics, each team with its own goal. Perhaps of greatest interest to the PTAC community is Team 4—Barriers to Entry, whose mission is to: “Evaluate and remove regulatory, cultural, or bureaucratic barriers to entry to the DoD marketplace and attract companies interested in conducting business with DoD that have not previously entered the DoD marketplace” (see their nifty logo).

The panel invites questions and comments, as well as suggestions and recommendations, from all interested parties. Follow the links provided below to submit yours, and forward them to appropriate clients so that they can provide input, too.



[Section 809 Panel—General Comments and Questions](#)

[Section 809 Panel—Suggestions and Recommendations](#)



**Of Note:** The **US House Armed Services Committee** recently held a hearing regarding the **initial findings of the Section 809 panel** (click the image to view [a video of the hearing](#)). At 1:15:22 in the video, Representative Carol Shea-Porter of New Hampshire asked the Section 809 Panel about PTACs' effort to reach businesses, and **whether or not (paraphrased) "we are doing enough to make businesses aware of PTACs."** Mr. Charlie Williams (former Director of DCMA) indicates that the panel will reach out to learn more about PTACs. Great thanks to Congresswoman Shea-Porter for the shout-out, which undoubtedly will bring about greater awareness of the role PTACs play. [Click here to read the Interim Report.](#)

## OMB Super Circular deadline extended to December 26, 2017

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced earlier this week that it is giving universities, nonprofits, state and local governments, and other "non-Federal entities" (such as PTAC hosts!) an additional year to comply with the new procurement standards that were part of the extensive changes to administrative processes, cost accounting, and audit requirements set in motion by OMB's December 2013 "Super Circular." The May 16, 2017 Federal Register announcement by OMB, which extended the deadline for procurement standards compliance to December 26, 2017 (or three years after the effective date of the remainder of the Super Circular), did not provide a rationale for the extension. [Click here to read more about the OMB Super Circular.](#)

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[SBA 1st Wednesday Webinar—Size and Affiliations](#)  
(June 7, 2016 at 10:30 EDT) [Click for details on APTACConnect](#)

### A Warm APTAC Welcome to:

**Craig Gardner,**  
Cattaraugus County (NY) PTAC

**Alyssa Huber,**  
Arkansas Procurement Assistance  
Center

**Mitch Strang**  
Illinois PTAC