

# APEX Accelerator Overview S.A.M.E. 1/25/2024

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#### **APEX Accelerator background**

- Formerly known as the Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) and Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs)
- Established to increase the number and the range of businesses capable of participating in government contracts
- All APEX Accelerators are funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense



#### **Washington APEX Accelerator partners**

















#### Changes to our program

- Transitioned from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) on October 1, 2022
- SBIR and STTR
- Cybersecurity



#### **How do firms use APEX Accelerators?**

- Register with a wide range of systems and databases necessary for them to participate in the government marketplace (e.g., SAM)
- Identify which agencies and offices may need their products or services and how to be connected to buying agencies and offices
- Determine whether they are ready for government opportunities and how to position themselves to succeed



# How else can APEX Accelerators help firms compete for government contracts?

- Navigate solicitations and potential funding opportunities
- Receive notifications of government contract opportunities on a regular basis
- Network with buying officers, prime contractors, and other businesses
- Resolve performance issues and prepare for audit, only if the service is needed, after receiving an award



### **Upcoming training and events**

1-2-24	<u>University of Washington Virtual Workshops for Suppliers</u>
2-2-24	WOSSA SEPTIC-CON 2024
2-2-24	FAR Part 3 Improper Business Practices and Personal Conflicts of Interest
2-2-24	APEX & SBDC First Friday Follow-Up - February
7-2-24	Meet the Buyers Open House – Skagit and Whatcom County
7-2-24	FAR Part 4 Administrative Matters
7-2-24	<u>Contracting Coffee Hour</u>
8-2-24	Save the Date! Meet & Greet: Interstate Bridge Replacement Program
9-2-24	FAR Part 5 Publicizing Contract Actions
14-2-24	FAR Part 6 Competition Requirements
14-2-24	APEX: Prime Connect
15-2-24	<u>Doing Business with the state - DES</u>
15-2-24	Architecture, Engineering & Professional Services Consultant Orientation: How to do Business with King County



#### **Alliance Northwest**

- In-Person Networking Event
- Largest of its kind in the Pacific Northwest
- March 14<sup>th</sup> 2024





## Thank you



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