

## **Federal Contractor Certification (FCC)**

### **What is the Federal Contractor Certification (FCC) Program?**

- The Federal Contractor Certification (FCC) is a training program for Veteran business owners intended to help these owners understand Federal contracting, respond competently to solicitations and perform successfully once they have won the contract.

### **How can I take part in this program?**

- To take part in the training program, interested business owners must register with the Northwest PTAC. The PTAC will then determine their eligibility for the program, which is aimed at established businesses that have a basic knowledge of prerequisites such as Federal database registrations and other topics as determined by the Northwest PTAC. Once registered, owners will take required course modules at their own pace and present the completion certificates to the Northwest PTAC. Below are the four levels that will be addressed throughout the program.
  - Level 1- Basic Contracting Skills
  - Level 2- Teaming, Joint Ventures and Legal Issues
  - Level 3- Special Certifications and Large Contract Ventures
  - Level 4- Industry Specific (Construction, Manufacturing, IT and Services)
- When all topics in the level have been completed, participants will be eligible to take the comprehensive level exam at the center. There will be a minimum of questions from each topic that need to be passed in order to pass the exam.
- Those passing the exam will be presented with a lapel pin, logo and certificate to advertise their capability. The Northwest Commission has agreed to provide the FCC training to all PTAC clients-veteran and non-veteran. Non-veteran participants are "APTAC-sponsored," are not registered with the VA and are not awarded the VA pin and logo.

### **How do I begin this process?**

- Cris Pierce, Manager of Government Contracts with the Northwest Commission, is the only certified counselor in the state of Pennsylvania. The Northwest Commission PTAC will work with you to provide you the tools and guidance to receive your very own Federal Contractor Certification (FCC).

**Please contact Cris Pierce by phone at (814) 677-4800 x. 102 or by email at [crisp@nwcommission.org](mailto:crisp@nwcommission.org) for more information or to begin this process.**