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### **Government 201 General Service Administration Training Session Slated**

The Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) of the Northwest Commission will be holding a Government 201 training session on Thursday May 22. The training will cover the General Services Administration (GSA). This training will be held at the Northwest Commission's main office at 395 Seneca Street in Oil City. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the training will conclude at 12:30 p.m. A continental breakfast will be available in the morning and lunch will be served at the conclusion of training.

Wayne Williamson, Manager of the Northwest Commission PTAC explains, "GSA is the federal government's procurement expert. GSA works with the commercial vendors and manufactures in acquiring billions of dollars worth of office and warehouse space, thousands of products, and a variety of services required by many federal agencies so that they can successfully perform their mission."

The training, entitled "Getting on the GSA Schedule," will be presented by Helena Koch of the U.S. General Services Administration's Office of Small Business Utilization (OSBU). She will provide a presentation on how to do business with the GSA and how to become a GSA vendor. The OSBU serves as the GSA's small business advocate and helps to provide opportunities for small businesses in government contracting (including minority, veteran, women-owned, and small businesses located in HUBZones).

Under the GSA Schedules (also referred to as Multiple Award Schedules and Federal Supply Schedules) Program, GSA establishes long-term government-wide contracts with commercial firms which provide Government agencies access to over 11 million commercial supplies, products, and services.

For more information or to register for this training session, please contact Lori Kenyon at (814) 677-4800 x104, or by e-mail at [lorik@nwcommission.org](mailto:lorik@nwcommission.org).

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Established in 1967, the Northwest Commission is a regional resource for business and economic development as well as community development and planning. The non-profit agency is composed of a team of skilled professionals dedicated to sustaining economic vitality and growth in the northwest Pennsylvania region by fostering local, state, and federal partnerships across public and private sector lines. The Northwest Commission provides programs such as business financing, government contracting, international marketing, grants, transportation, and technology assistance to eight counties in northwest Pennsylvania including: Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, and Warren.

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