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NWPA Planning Commission Hires New PTAC Manager



The Northwest Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission has recently hired Crystal "Cris" Pierce as the new Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Manager. Her first day at the Commission was July 18th. In her new role, Pierce will assist regional businesses in registering with government agencies at the federal, state and local level by providing training and guidance on obtaining government contracts and subcontracts. Her duties include everything from seeking out contracts to the end result of obtaining the contract.

Pierce has received a Small Business Liaison Officer Training Certificate from the Department of Defense Northeast Regional Council, Level 3 Certification as a Certified Contracting Assistance Specialist from the Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (APTAC), and is a Certified Level 4 Manufacturing Trainer in the Federal Contractor Certification program.

Before joining the Commission, Pierce worked at the UIDA Business Services in Herndon, VA as a Procurement Specialist. There, she counseled and advised business firms/clients in her assigned geographic area on how to seek, obtain, and perform on government prime and subcontracts under a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency. Companies interested in doing business with the government can contact Cris at 814.677.4800 x102 or by email at crisp@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.