

### **APTAC History**

Congress created the **Procurement Technical Assistance Program** (PTAP) to help businesses seeking to compete successfully in federal, state and local government contracting. Funded through Cooperative agreements between DoD and state/ local entities, PTACs provide a range of expert services at little or no charge. Connect to a Center near you to get the help you need!

# The Federal Contractor Certification



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## The Federal Contractor Certification (FCC)

The Federal Contractor Certification 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.



#### What are the Levels of Certification?

**Level 1** certification, symbolized by the red logo, covers the Basic Understanding of Federal Contracting.

**Level 2** certification, symbolized by the bronze logo, covers Teaming, Joint Ventures and Legal Issues.

**Level 3** certification, symbolized by the silver logo, is the most advanced and covers Special Certifications, Large Contract Vehicles and Advanced Issues.

Level 4 certification, symbolized by the gold logo, is industry specific. The owner chooses their particular industry (Construction, Manufacturing, IT, Services) to learn the issues, regulations or policies that are unique to that industry.









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#### How do I get certified?

Contact your nearest participating Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) and register with a counselor. This program is aimed at established businesses who wish to participate in Federal contracting and have completed prerequisites such as Federal database registrations and other topics as determined by their counselor.

Once registered with a counselor, the PTAC offers an introductory workshop on how to complete certification training.



The Veteran business owner will take the course modules at their own pace and present the completion certificates to their counselor.

When all topics in the level have been completed, the Veteran business owner will be eligible to take the comprehensive level exam at the PTAC.

Owners passing the exam will be presented with a lapel pin, logo and certificate to advertise this capability.