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TRAINING & EVENTS

GO Topeka hosts many classes, training seminars and events throughout the year. Many classes are put on by GO Topeka's Entrepreneurial & Minority Business Development that include FastTrac New Venture and FastTrac Growth Venture programs. In the Fall we have the annual Small Business Conference as well as the Women's Initiative Reception and in the Spring we have the Small Business Awards events.

If you have any questions about any events and training seminars, contact [Mary Ann Anderson](#).

KANSAS PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER



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Kansas PTAC is ready to help your business secure government contracts. We provide individualized counseling and informative training seminars about timely contracting issues and the latest guidelines to help you learn how the procurement system can work for you. We assist in developing a government marketing strategy and identifying agencies that purchase your product/service.

We can help find government advertised bidding opportunities using our web-based bid-matching service that searches more than 2,000 federal, state and local sites each day. Our counselors provide expertise in reading and understanding government solicitations, completing government registrations and bid preparation by explaining forms, regulations and clauses.

To apply to be a Kansas PTAC client, read the guidelines below then apply [here](#).

MISSION

Kansas Procurement Technical Assistance Center's (PTAC) mission is to assist viable businesses located in the State of Kansas with potential market expansion through procurement opportunities with the government which enhances local economies.

KANSAS PTAC SERVICES

- Marketing products/services to the government
- Training seminars
- Identify product/service codes
- Understand laws and regulations
- Government registration and certifications
- Notices of contracting information/changes
- Socioeconomic programs
- Bid/quote/proposal preparation
- Understand specifications, standards, and procurement histories/National Stock Numbers (NSNs)
- One-on-one counseling
- Bid notification services

GUIDELINES FOR BECOMING A KANSAS PTAC CLIENT

- Meet Federal responsible contractor standards
 - Adequate financial resources*
 - Comply with delivery/performance schedule
 - Satisfactory performance record
 - Satisfactory record of integrity/ethics
 - Organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, technical skills*



- Production, construction and technical equipment and facilities*
- Sell products/services purchased by the government
- Not on Excluded (Debarred) list
- In business for at least one year
- Person available to devote time to government contracting
- Know your pricing
- Computer with connectivity to the internet
- Email
- Business plan
- Marketing plan
- 5 or more employees

*or ability to obtain

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CALENDAR

GO Topeka hosts training events and seminars throughout the year. Look at the calendar to find a class that fits your needs.

CLASSES

If you have any questions or would like more information on small business and entrepreneurial courses, please contact GO Topeka Entrepreneurial and Minority Business Development at 785.231.6000 or send an email to manderson@gotopeka.com.

Download the 2016 Directory of EMBD Graduates and Certified MBE/DBE/WBE Businesses [here](#).

SIXTH ANNUAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE AWARDS

The Women's Initiative Committee will be hosting the [Sixth Annual Women of Influence Awards](#) on August 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Nominations for the Women of Influence awards are now open. [Click here to fill out the nomination form](#).

Click [here](#) to register for the Women of Influence Awards.

Woman of Influence – A woman who is influential within her company or industry. She displays strong leadership experience and inspires other women. A visionary with a track record of accomplishments.

Outstanding Entrepreneur – A female entrepreneur who contributes to the success of other women and



entrepreneurs. She has experienced business growth and promotes sound business practices, a commitment to excellence and is a contributor to her community.

Distinguished Mentor – A woman who advises other women in order to help them advance and develop their own path to academic and professional success. She generously shares her time to be accessible to the mentees. Imparts guidance and expertise in encouraging and critiquing the mentee’s leadership, training and other scholarly works. Encourages mentees in networking activities with other professionals. Promotes and makes others aware of the contributions and value of their mentees.

Community Service – A woman who has been involved in community service, such as boards, commissions or community groups. She has strong leadership skills and serves as a role model for inspiring others to change their community. She has influenced decision-making on issues and enhanced the quality of life in her community.

Rising Star – An up and coming female executive or business owner with less than five years at a company or in business. She has strong leadership skills and her actions have and continue to make an impact on the community. She is an innovator and inspires others.

Education – A woman whose creativity and innovation has impacted education. She has made an impact in training and education for the Shawnee County Community. She has strong leadership skills, serves as a role model and inspires others.

SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

On Tuesday, May 12, 2020, The Greater Topeka Partnership will recognize local businesses, a nonprofit agency, an entrepreneur and a small business advocate for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Shawnee County community.

The Greater Topeka Partnership’s Small Business Council, GO Topeka’s Minority and Women Business Development and the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce are seeking nominees for the 40th Annual Small Business Awards. The event recognizes small businesses that have made significant contributions to the Topeka community through demonstrated excellence in the following categories:

Emerging Entrepreneur Award
Non-profit Award of Distinction
Minority Owned Business of Distinction
Woman Owned Business of Distinction
Innovation Award
Capital City Business of Distinction

Submissions will be received through March 13, 2020.

Nominate a Business [HERE](#)

This year’s Small Business Awards Luncheon is set for Tuesday, May 12, 11:30 a.m. at the Maner Conference Center, Capitol Plaza Hotel

If you are interested in purchasing a table or ticket to the luncheon, please click [HERE](#)



WASHBURN TECH PROGRAMS



GO Topeka recognizes community members may want to start a new career, change careers or update their current skills. We offer support through a variety of initiatives and programs partnered with Washburn Tech to serve the Topeka and Shawnee County community.

The Joint Economic Development Organization/GO Topeka Scholarship provides eligible Washburn Tech students enrolled in high demand career programs with scholarships ranging from \$250-\$500 per semester. More information about the scholarship opportunity may be found [here](#).

GO Topeka is also pleased to provide marketing and recruitment support to the partnership between Washburn Tech and BNSF to offer NARS-certified curriculum (National Academy of Railroad Sciences) in their Locomotive Diesel Technician [program](#).

In addition, Washburn Tech, in partnership with GO Topeka and in cooperation with area food manufacturers, offers the pilot Manufacturing Technology or [M-Tech](#) training initiative. The program provides intensive technology training to workers and links them to good jobs in the food manufacturing field. Graduates are prepared for entry-level production positions and are prepared to earn the Certified Production Technician national industry credential.