



Progress Through Regional Cooperation In The Alleghenies

State of the Southern Alleghenies APEX Accelerator – August 2025

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Greetings from Denver! You might be wondering where the success story newsletter is, and why you're reading another intro article when you suffered through one about 2 weeks ago. Well, with our new program year, we had a one-month shift forward on our reporting dates. Thus, our success story newsletter will be out in September.

Believe me, I'll be looking forward to it, as there will be 4 stories instead of 3. It's also one of our most-read newsletters.

Please review our training opportunities that are coming up in August 2025 (and beyond) for our APEX Accelerator and PREP Partners. We have:

- A DoD Supplier Networks Overview on 29 AUG,
- Our Cybersecurity deep-dive presentations with Core Business Solutions on 21 AUG, and
- A Casting, Forging, and Machining panel discussion on 9 SEP.

You can review and register for upcoming events on our eCenter page, <https://sancnt.ecenterdirect.com/> Stop back often, as the training events do pop up there pretty frequently!

If you have ideas for topics, or would like to learn more about a government contracting-related topic, please drop us a line at (814) 949-6500 or apex@sapdc.org. We'd love to hear from you!

State and local governments need a unified approach to cybersecurity

By Jonathan Trull, CISO at Qualys

COMMENTARY | A consolidated cyber operations framework for states isn't just a strategy — it's a lifeline in an era of relentless cyber threats.

The White House's recent shift in cyber risk management represents a pivotal moment for state and local agencies.

With the release of the National Resilience Strategy, state and local agencies now

bear the responsibility of making critical infrastructure decisions to address growing domestic and foreign cyber threats. Moreover, the implementation of major federal budget reductions has forced states to fight for the protection of critical election systems and public service infrastructure.

States also face pre-existing cyber risk management challenges, such as navigating budget constraints, workforce shortages, work silos and tool fragmentation across different agencies. In fact, nearly 40% of chief information security officers report insufficient funding for adequate cybersecurity measures... [Continue Reading](#)

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Expiring cyber information-sharing law puts US maritime infrastructure at risk, experts warn

By David DiMolfatta, Cybersecurity Reporter, Nextgov/FCW

A congressional probe last year found Chinese-made technology embedded in many U.S. ports, raising fears of espionage and sabotage.

The impending expiration of a cornerstone cybersecurity law could leave U.S. maritime infrastructure vulnerable by cutting off port owners and operators from critical threat intelligence, federal experts warned Thursday.

The 2015 Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act lets private sector providers share cyber threat intelligence with government partners with key liability protections in place. It's set to lapse Sept. 30 unless renewed by Congress, which will soon begin its August recess.

"So if you're a crane operator, if you are a port authority or governing body, and you're sharing cyber threat information ... a lot of these [mechanisms] will be impacted," said Emily Park, a cybersecurity staff member for Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., the ranking member on the Senate Homeland Security Committee... [Continue Reading](#)

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Due to the generous support of our Commonwealth and Federal funding partners, services provided by the APEX Accelerator are free of charge.

Whether you are an experienced contractor or new to the government marketplace, the APEX Accelerator will provide one-on-one counseling utilizing all of the program resources necessary to increase your share of contract awards. We will also coordinate assistance, if needed, with our PA PREP partners.

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