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Progress Through Regional Cooperation In The Alleghenies

State of the Southern Alleghenies APEX Accelerator – July 2025

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I'm happy to report that the Southern Alleghenies APEX got its funding for program year 2025! We are so glad that it's now official, and we can get back to our mission of helping clients, soon-to-be clients, government agencies, and other stakeholders with the intricacies of government contracting!

The services will stay the same as will the cost (*free!*), but there is one change that should be noted: We now have the APEX Accelerator at Johnstown Area Regional Industries (JARI) as one of our partners and subcenters (*check out the new logo above!*). With this new arrangement, we are covering the PA counties of Cambria, Indiana, and Somerset, and look forward to working with the companies and communities in the region.

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

Pennsylvania is a Top 3 state for government AI readiness

By Jusin Sweitzer, Managing Editor, City & State Pennsylvania

A new analysis from Code For America says the commonwealth's proactive approach to AI "positions it as a leader in responsible AI adoption and innovation."

A new analysis of AI readiness across the United States shows that Pennsylvania ranks among the top three states in the country when it comes to adopting AI within state government – thanks in part to the commonwealth's efforts to train state workers on artificial intelligence tools and its existing technology infrastructure.

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