

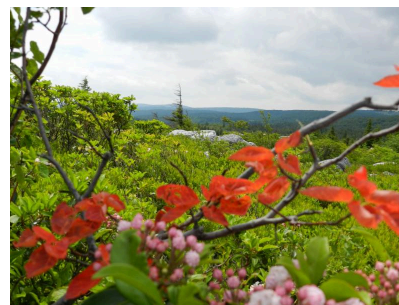


Progress Through Regional Cooperation In The Alleghenies

State of the Southern Alleghenies APEX Accelerator – April 2026

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It has been a busy couple of weeks here at the APEX: A couple of outreach events, some client calls/emails/videochats, and final items with our upcoming 2026 program year! I'm happy to report that we have received our award to continue APEX Accelerator services to our 18-county area through MAR 2027!



Please review our training opportunities that are coming up in April 2026 (and beyond) for our APEX Accelerator and PREP Partners. We have:

- “The Road Forward: CMMC Level 1” webinar with the Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Resource Center on 7 APR 2026 @ 1100 EDT, discussing the impacts of cybersecurity on government contracting and CMMC, among other topics. Free to attend, but you must register: <https://sancnt.ecenterdirect.com/events/5570>.
- “What HUBZone Redesignation Means for your County” webinar with Dave Pinkosky of the SBA on 9 APR 2026 @ 1100, discussing changes to the HUBZone program and how it could impact your business. Free to attend, but you must register: <https://sancnt.ecenterdirect.com/events/5578>.
- “ERDC-WERX and the DoD's/DoW's Critical Technology Areas Webinar” with the PA APEXes and the U.S. Army's Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC-WERX). This webinar will review how to work with ERDC-WERX and its benefits. Free to attend, but you must register: <https://sancnt.ecenterdirect.com/events/5577>.

Please 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 at apex@sapdc.net. We'd love to hear from you!

Data privacy emerges as a ‘core American value,’ expert says.

By Kaitlyn Levinson, Reporter, Route Fifty

As the federal government continues its fight to access state's sensitive data on residents, a new report underscores Americans' support for stronger data privacy guardrails and protections.

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