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Progress Through Regional Cooperation In The Alleghenies

State of the Southern Alleghenies APEX Accelerator – June 2026

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Late spring certainly popped off with a bang, both meteorologically and at the APEX! We had some interesting outreach events and a great Success stories newsletter! We're looking forward to the next 9 months and change for events and conferences, and most of all, comms with our clients (and clients we haven't met yet)!



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

- "Project Spectrum Webinar" webinar with the Project Spectrum, a DoD-/DoW-operated cybersecurity consulting concern on 11 JUN 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.neoserra.com/conferences/5586>.
- "Scoping is Everything: How Contractors are Passing CMMC Without Securing Their Entire Network" webinar with Core Business Solutions on 18 JUN 2026 @ 2 PM EDT, discussing a deep-dive into scoping and enclaving options for CMMC compliance. Free to attend, but you must register: <https://sancnt.ecenterdirect.com/events/5587>.
- **Save the Date:** An outreach event with the U.S. Navy's PA Talent Pipeline program on government contracting, business development, and workforce development with the Marine Industrial Base (aka Ship and Submarine construction). It will be taking place on 23 JUL 2026 times T/B/D at the Curry Innovation Center in Altoona, PA. More information and special announcements will be forthcoming, so stay tuned!

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!

How the Library of Congress is using both AI and volunteers to unlock public broadcasting history.

By John Breeden, II, NextgovFCW

Public broadcasting has a long history of capturing important moments in American life. It preserved voices from the civil rights movement, debates over war and foreign policy, regional arts coverage and local public affairs programs that reflected the people and places shaping the nation. But many of those moments have also been hard to find, buried in tape vaults, archives and library collections that few people would ever be able to search or even really know about.

That is part of what makes the American Archive of Public Broadcasting (AAPB) so interesting. A collaboration between GBH, which is the Boston public media organization formerly known as WGBH, and the Library of Congress, the archive is working to make historic public media more searchable and accessible, in part by using AI-generated transcripts as a starting point.

The public-facing correction layer for that effort is called FixIt+, a volunteer platform where people can review and refine machine-generated transcripts from older radio and television programs.

Read more at: <https://www.nextgov.com/artificial-intelligence/2026/05/how-library-congress-using-both-ai-and-volunteers-unlock-public-broadcasting-history/413742/>

Drone boats make debut in Navy's 30-year shipbuilding plan.

By Lauren C. Williams, Business Editor, Defense One

(This is related to the PA Talent Pipeline event in July mentioned above, BTW!)

The Navy's new 30-year shipbuilding plan outlines an effort to buy 15 battleships by 2055, and reveals details about the 80-plus robot boats it aims to add within five years.

"Our success will be measured by one metric: a larger, more capable fleet—manned and unmanned—ready to defend our homeland and project power globally," Acting Navy Secretary Hung Cao said in the report's foreword.

The fiscal year 2027 update of the plan, released Monday, adds new details on the Navy's vision for a 450-vessel fleet by 2031, including 299 warships, 68 auxiliary ships, and 83 unmanned vessels, which would likely include medium unmanned surface vessels and extra large unmanned underwater vessels.

Read more at: <https://www.defenseone.com/defense-systems/2026/05/drone-boats-navy-shipbuilding-plan/413504/>

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The Southern Alleghenies APEX Accelerator at SAP&DC is an economic development entity that bridges the gap between supplier and buyer in the government marketplace. The APEX Accelerator stands ready to support businesses across 18 counties in the central PA Alleghenies region in the pursuit to secure contracts with local, state and/or federal government agencies nationwide.



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.

Contact us today at the Southern Alleghenies APEX Accelerator at SAP&DC to get started!

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