



CONTRACT PROCUREMENT CENTER

**Panhandle Regional
Planning Commission**

What is the Contract Procurement Center?

The Contract Procurement Center (CPC) is a non-profit entity funded by a cooperative agreement between the United States Department of Defense (DoD) and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. The CPC provides training opportunities and procurement technical assistance to Panhandle businesses interested in contracting with federal, state, and local government agencies.

CPC History

The Contract Procurement Center started operations in October of 1986. We have assisted businesses in securing contracts for products and services in the construction, manufacturing, wholesale, retail, and consulting industries as prime and subcontractors.

What are our Objectives?

- Promote Economic Development
- Generate Employment by the Creation and/or Retention of Jobs in the Region
- Improve the Local Business Climate
- Expand the Department of Defense Industrial Base
- Diversify the Economic Base of the Texas Panhandle
- Provide Panhandle Businesses Access to the World's Largest Market for Goods and Services

What are our Services?

The Contract Procurement Center offers many services to assist Panhandle businesses.

- Explain how the various government agencies buy goods and services.
- Research the federal, state, and local government markets to pinpoint buyers.
- Distribute contracting and subcontracting information on federal, state, and local opportunities.
- Provide assistance to ensure the proper completion of bids and proposals.

- Assist businesses in registering with federal, state, and local government entities like:
 - Dun & Bradstreet DUNS number
 - Central Contractor Registration (CCR)
 - SBA 8(a) program
 - SBA Small Disadvantaged Business
 - SBA HUBZone program
 - State of Texas Central Masters Bids List
 - State of Texas HUB program
- Provide access to current military specifications, federal standards, and private industry standards and drawings.
- Sponsor workshops, provide training seminars, and introduce local businesses to major government buying agencies and their prime contractors.

Where is the Market?

The United States government is still the largest purchasing entity in the world for over 1,500 categories of products and services.

The State of Texas has over 300 state offices that purchase goods and services. Cities, counties and other local government entities also purchase significant amounts of goods and services in our region.

These government markets are open to businesses of all sizes and are constantly searching for businesses that can provide quality products and services at competitive prices. If your business is interested in expanding its customer base, contact the Contract Procurement Center to find out how to tap into these government markets.

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