



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Regional Chamber Opens New PTAC Center & Welcomes PTAC Business Counselor**

Tri-Cities, WA –The Tri-Cities now has a Washington State Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Program located within the Tri-City Regional Chamber. This program is designed to provide assistance to all companies, with emphasis on small businesses who are interested in attaining work from local, state, and federal governments.

PTAC provides business support services such as bid/proposal technical assistance review, marketing advice, government program registrations, and procurement/contracting training classes. These services are offered free of charge to all businesses in the community, you do not need to be a Chamber member to utilize the PTAC Center.

In addition to the previously mentioned services, we also provide a Computerized Bid Match Service that searches numerous government databases for bid leads that match your company's criteria. There is a \$135.00 annual fee for this optional service.

Please welcome Heather Mayfield, PTAC Business Counselor, as the newest addition to the Chamber staff. Heather graduated from Western Washington University in 2004 with a degree in Business Administration, focusing on management. After college, she was an Executive Assistant Manager with Walgreen's for 3 years, then worked at Express as a Co-Manager for 1 ½ years. Most recently, Heather was with The Boeing Company as a Procurement Agent. She worked in the Integrated Defense System arena, making her very familiar with the government contracting process. Heather can be contacted at (509) 736-0510 or [heather.mayfield@tricityregionalchamber.com](mailto:heather.mayfield@tricityregionalchamber.com)

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