



Wisconsin Procurement Institute Celebrates 30 Years

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The State of Wisconsin's federally-designated Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), better known as the Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI), is celebrating 30 years of service to the Wisconsin economy and business community.

WPI has been a leader in assisting Wisconsin businesses to bring more Federal dollars to the State of Wisconsin. WPI opened its doors in 1987 as the Aspin Procurement Institute under the leadership of then Congressman Les Aspin (WI-01). The initial mission focused on helping Wisconsin's businesses obtain defense contracts. WPI has grown over the years to supporting businesses seeking local, state and federal contracts. 30 years ago, most of the Federal contracts to the State were for manufacturing from the Department of Defense. Today those dollars are broadly diversified to include engineering and environmental services, medical services and equipment, loan services, technology and construction.

WPI brings their expertise to businesses throughout the State — in rural and urban areas — with large, small, well-established and newly created businesses in areas of manufacturing, technology, construction, research, IT and services. WPI works closely with Federal, State and Local small business programs to maximize the opportunities and market success for disadvantaged, minority, woman, disabled and veteran owned firms as well as those located in designated HUBzone and distressed areas.

Each year WPI serves over 1,200 business and organizations throughout the State and provides training at over 80 events and conferences each year.

Join TAPCO on October 19th in celebrating 30 years of service to Wisconsin businesses. The program will begin at 11:00 followed by luncheon and speakers. Hear from speakers including, William Hughes, Partner Husch Blackwell and WPI Board Chairman and Mark Wagner, Vice President of Government Relations, Johnson Controls Inc. Registration is available at <https://www.wispro.org/events/wisconsin-procurement-institute-30th-anniversary-luncheon/>