



## Kentucky Procurement Technical Assistance Center

### The Kentucky Procurement Technical Assistance Center Announces Their Newest Regional Office Located in Morehead

**Morehead, KY. 12/10/21:** The Kentucky Procurement Technical Center (KYPTAC) is excited to announce the addition of its newest regional office. Based in Morehead, it will serve the small business community throughout Eastern Kentucky. By launching an office exclusively focused on Eastern Kentucky, the KYPTAC looks to help hundreds of area businesses find new opportunities through federal, state, and local government procurement.

The Eastern Kentucky KYPTAC office will be led by Eric Byrd, a Procurement Consultant who brings nearly 20 years of business management experience to the KYPTAC team. Prior to joining the KYPTAC team, Eric's most recent experience included five years of management and accounting as part of a fast-growing small manufacturing business and six years of service for the Commonwealth of Kentucky helping Eastern Kentucky secure funds to reclaim lands that were affected by the abandonment of coal mining facilities. Byrd stated, "I am thankful for an opportunity to assist small businesses of Kentucky and improving the overall economy of our region and the commonwealth." Eric is a native of West Liberty and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance from Georgetown College.

KYPTAC, an initiative of the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC), promotes economic development and private sector business growth by providing FREE assistance to companies interested in providing products or services to federal, state, and local governments, which annually offer billions of dollars in contracts to private sector companies. In 2020, KYPTAC helped over 1700 Kentucky-based companies procure over \$736MM in Federal and State government contracts. KYPTAC consultants help with contracting readiness, assisting with the registration process, and market research. Morehead will be KYPTAC's sixth office in the Commonwealth. Other offices include Bowling Green, Covington, Lexington, Louisville, and Paducah.

KYPTAC Executive Director, Nancy Brown said, "By adding an Eastern Kentucky area office, KYPTAC aims to help current clients with local representation while reaching other small businesses that currently do not participate in government procurement learn about KYPTAC's services that help their businesses grow. Eric, with deep Eastern Kentucky roots, a broad network and strong experience with small business and state government is the perfect addition to our team in assisting eastern Kentucky companies"

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