

# Community & Economic Development

## APAC

### The Arkansas Procurement Assistance Center

The Arkansas Procurement Assistance Center (APAC) mission is to provide training and resources that help Arkansas businesses generate revenues and thereby create or retain jobs for Arkansans through effective government contracting. The Center was established in 1988 as an offshoot of the Entrepreneurial Services Center operated by the University of Arkansas, with funding from the Job Training Partnership Act Title III program. APAC served 250 clients statewide in those days, resulting in 111 contracts for \$7,001,000, creating or retaining 133 jobs. Its purpose was to provide government contract assistance and education to the businesses of Arkansas. The Center is an economic development program of the Community and Economic Development Program Area of the Cooperative Extension Service. We serve Arkansas businesses in all 75 counties at no charge. The County Extension Staff Chairs in each county help to connect the program to the local community. The APAC Office is housed in the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service office in Little Rock and is open to the public 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and counseling is done by appointment.

#### Check Out This Link Online:

<http://www.uaex.edu/business-communities/apac-government-contracting/default.aspx>

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