**The Kentucky Procurement Technical Assistance Center Announces Their Newest Regional Office Located in Louisville**

**Lexington, KY. 10/4/21:** The Kentucky Procurement Technical Center (KYPTAC) is excited to announce the addition of a new regional office in Louisville that will serve the small business community in Jefferson County. Jefferson county is home to one of the most robust small business communities in the Commonwealth. By launching an office exclusively focused on Jefferson County, the KYPTAC looks to help hundreds of area businesses find new opportunities through federal, state, and local government procurement.

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. Louisville will be KYPTAC’s fifth office in the Commonwealth. Other offices include Lexington, Bowling Green, Paducah, and Somerset, with a new location in Covington opening soon.

Many Louisville based companies have been active in government procurement for years. Over 500 Louisville area companies are currently KYPTAC clients. Government procurement efforts by private sector companies make a significant impact on the Louisville economy. Annually, area companies win millions of dollars in contracts with Federal, State, and Local government organizations. By adding a Louisville area office, KYPTAC aims to help current clients win new contracts, and help small businesses that currently do not participate in government procurement learn about the process and how it can help their businesses grow. KYPTAC Executive Director, Nancy Brown said, “We have a focused approach to raising the standards of inclusive economic development in Jefferson County and we look forward to creating meaningful partnerships with local organizations to advance equity in contracting.”

The Louisville KYPTAC office Procurement Consultant Kendria Rice-Locket stated, “I'm very thankful and excited to join the KYPTAC team! I look forward to making meaningful connections throughout the community and aim to make a strong impact by educating and highlighting procurement opportunities that will help the local economy.”

Prior to joining the KYPTAC team, Kendria worked with the U.S. Small Business Administration, as the Outreach & Marketing Specialist helping businesses that suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Kendria is a native of Louisville and holds a bachelor’s degree in Sports Administration from the University of Louisville. While in school, Kendria was member of the University of Louisville Women’s Basketball Team. Kendria earned her Master of Science in Exercise Science and Health Promotion from the California University of Pennsylvania.

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