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***ICBS Show plays matchmaker between buyers, sellers***

The ICBS Show will match government vendors and buyers in short, personal interviews during its full day of matchmaking in August in Norman.

Matchmaking is one part of the two-day conference and exposition presented by Oklahoma's two procurement technical assistance centers. PTAC leaders expect more than 300 participants to attend the conference Aug. 21-22 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman.

Participants registering early at [www.icbsshow.com](http://www.icbsshow.com) will receive an opportunity to request 10-minute appointments with representatives of federal, state, local and tribal buying offices, as well as large prime contractors looking for suppliers and subcontractors. Just before the conference, both buyers and sellers will receive a schedule of appointments. Participants can make last-minute appointments on site.

"This is our most popular part of the conference," said Carter Merkle, program manager of OBAN, one of the two sponsoring PTACs. "It has remained a top feature the entire 12 years we have held this event."

Agencies confirmed as participating in 2018 include the General Services Administration, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Indian Health Service and the central purchasing division of the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services. Prime contractors confirmed to participate include Lockheed Martin and Pratt & Whitney.

The Oklahoma PTACs organizing the ICBS Show are OBAN, a program of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and TGI, a Native American PTAC. OBAN and TGI provide procurement counseling, bid matching and other services to businesses in Oklahoma and surrounding areas. OBAN serves businesses in Oklahoma. TGI serves tribal enterprises owned by tribes located in two Bureau of Indian Affairs regions serving Oklahoma and surrounding areas.

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ICBS is a business summit designed to meet the needs of government contractors seeking new business opportunities or new partners to meet contract requirements. To learn more about ICBS visit [www.ICBSshow.com](http://www.ICBSshow.com).