



AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

CMMC Reform Request for Information (RFI)



Industry feedback will help inform the CMMC Reform Task Force as it develops recommendations to strengthen cybersecurity while reducing unnecessary compliance burden across the defense industrial base.

- **Submit comments via [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) RFI**
- **Deadline: August 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. ET**



[SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) team has identified and corrected a system error that may have affected the NAICS code size table in the Representations and Certifications section for entities that renewed their registration between March 24 and July 22, 2026.

What happened: In some cases, a "Yes" value may be missing in the Small Business column for NAICS codes for which you may have asserted and qualified as a small business.

What you need to do:

- Review your NAICS code size table in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov).
- If your NAICS code size table is correct, no further action is needed.
- If your NAICS code size table is inaccurate, you will need to renew your registration to correct the information.

DOW MENTOR PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Hosted by the Washington State APEX Accelerator and MoveAmerica, this **virtual** workshop will explore how the Department of War Mentor-Protégé Program is a critical initiative designed to foster partnerships between experienced defense contractors and small businesses.

A Zoom link will be provided after registering.



August 4, 2026, 9:00am - 10:00am
[Sign Up Here](#)

Local Bid Opportunities

City of Port Angeles

Francis Street Sewer Trestle Repair

Managed Sheltering: Sanctioned Encampments and Safe Parking Projects

On-Call Tree Removal and Trimming Services

Systemic Intersection Improvements - Traffic Circle Program RFQ

WWTP Digester Circulation Pump Purchase

City of Sequim

2026 RFP for AC Pipe Condition Assessment

Clallam County

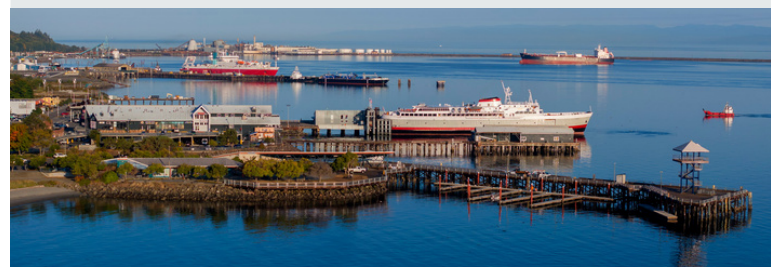
3 Crabs Road Overtopping Study

Clallam Slough Bridge Replacement Project

Port Angeles School District

Sequim School District

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory



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Funding Program Spotlights



JST Capital provides revolving loans to startups, small businesses, and entrepreneurs in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. In addition to lending, they offer financial counseling and educational services. As loans are repaid, the funds are reinvested into new businesses and entrepreneurs, helping create a sustainable source of capital that continues to support economic growth in the region.



Local Investing Opportunities Network (LION) connects local businesses, nonprofits, and community members to encourage local investment and economic growth in East Jefferson County. The network helps keep investment dollars within the community, supporting local businesses, job creation, economic development, and a more resilient local economy. LION is not a loan or investment fund and does not make collective investment decisions. Instead, individual members choose to invest their own money in local businesses and opportunities.



Clallam Opportunity Investment Network (COIN)

COIN connects local investors with entrepreneurs in Clallam County seeking resources to support their businesses. The network promotes local investment, economic development, and a stronger, more resilient local economy. COIN is not a loan or investment fund and does not make collective investment decisions. Members independently choose whether to invest in local businesses. Membership is free but required to access certain information, presentations, and networking opportunities.



U.S. Small Business
Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) helps small businesses access financing by setting loan guidelines and reducing risk for participating lenders. SBA-backed loans can be used for a variety of business needs, including starting, expanding, or improving a business.

Common SBA loan programs include:

- 7(a) Loans: Flexible, long-term financing for a variety of business purposes.
- 504 Loans: Long-term, fixed-rate financing for major business investments and growth.
- Microloans: Loans of up to \$50,000 for smaller business needs.

Businesses can use SBA's Lender Match tool to provide basic information about their financing needs and connect with participating lenders.

The North Olympic Peninsula APEX Accelerator does not provide financial advising or endorse any particular method of funding. Our goal is to provide clients with information and resources to support informed decisions and business growth. The funding resources listed are intended to serve as a starting point for exploring potential funding options. This is not a comprehensive list of all available funding opportunities, and clients are encouraged to conduct their own research and consult with appropriate financial professionals as needed.

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