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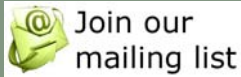
Remembering ARC's Founding

It was five decades ago today, March 9, 1965, that President Lyndon Johnson signed the enabling legislation that created the Appalachian Regional Commission.

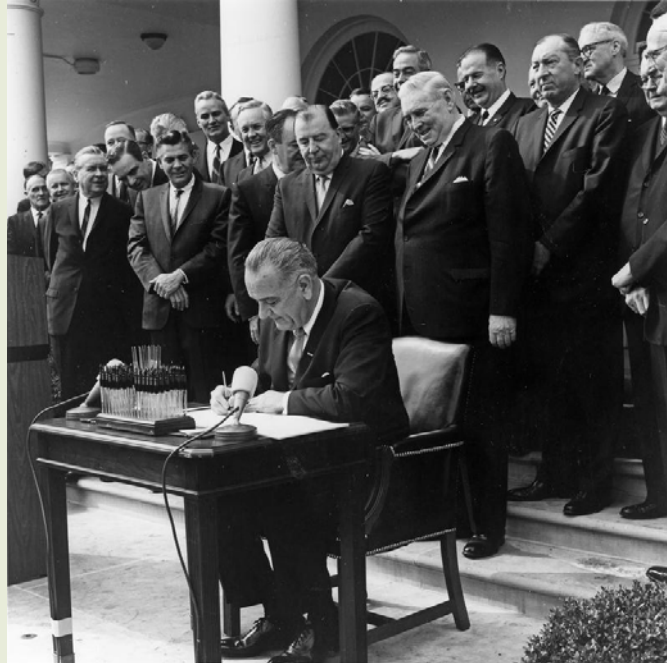
West Virginia Senator Jennings Randolph, who played a key role in the creation of ARC, is second from right in the row immediately behind President Johnson.

ARC Federal Co-Chair Earl F. Gohl has said that the challenge going forward now "is to use the Region's assets: a history of hard work, innovative solutions to complex problems, and strong families and communities to leverage today's emerging economic opportunities into a diverse and vibrant economic future."

For his part, Kentucky Governor Steven Beshear, the ARC states' co-chair, has said that "ARC has played a significant role in the economic development of the Appalachian Region and helped to create a brighter future for its people...We can be proud of what we have achieved, while remaining dedicated to overcoming the



considerable challenges that remain."



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Military Personnel and Veteran-Owned Small Business No-Interest Loan Program

The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development ([DBED](#)), in consultation with the [MDVA](#), is currently accepting applications for no-interest loans via the Military Personnel and Veteran-Owned Small Business No-Interest Loan Program for the following categories:

- A small business owned by a military reservist or a National Guard member called to active duty
- A small business that employs a military reservist or National Guard member called to active duty
- A veteran small business owner or a veteran seeking to start a small business
- A small business that employs a service disabled veteran

The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to small businesses in the categories listed

above. The State of Maryland supports veterans who have served our country, as well as the small businesses that employ them.

No interest loans range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Loan maturity will be from one to eight years. The loan repayment period usually will not exceed the useful life expectancy of the equipment to be purchased.

For more information about the program, eligibility details about the program and to obtain an application, contact Dana Hendrickson, MDVA, at 410-260-3842 or email by clicking [here](#).



MD PTAP is a free service offered to Maryland-based businesses that are seeking Government contracts at the Federal, State and Local levels. The MD PTAP program is funded through a grant to the University of Maryland (UMD) from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). You can read more by clicking [here](#).

Services include:

- Information on federal/state/local procurement opportunities.
- Advice for obtaining solicitations, references, specifications, and drawings from buying offices.
- Assistance with preparation of bidders mailing list applications.
- Market research to locate government agencies who buy your products or services.
- Help in locating subcontracting opportunities.
- Access to library of federal, state, and local procurement resources.
- Support with bid package preparation.
- Pre/post-award contract assistance.
- Aid with electronic commerce/electronic data interchange.
- Guidance for small minority, women-owned, and disabled veteran certifications.
- Referrals to other programs or activities to support businesses when appropriate.

To become a MD PTAP client, click [here](#)

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