



## **Rachel Fischer Bio**

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Rachel Fischer is the Director of the San Diego Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), an economic development program of Southwestern College designed to help small businesses sell to federal, state, and local governments.

Rachel has managed a variety of federal grant funded programs that provide technical assistance to small businesses since 2002, assisting companies with strategic planning and growth in a variety of areas. In her current position, she oversees the grant management, funding, budgeting, staffing, and technical assistance services for the San Diego PTAC. Since program inception, the San Diego PTAC has assisted small businesses with winning over \$1.2 billion in contracts, providing free one-on-one assistance and training on topics relating to contracting. Rachel also serves as an adjunct faculty member, instructing a course in Government Contracting for Southwestern College.

Rachel has Bachelor degrees in Economics, Russian, and History, as well as a Master Degree in Adult Education and Training. Rachel also holds a Certification as an Associate Contracting Assistance Specialist (ACAS) with the Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers.