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The New York State SBDC Wins Federal Grant to Support Veteran Small Business Owners

WASHINGTON – The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the State University of New York is among 10 centers to receive a grant award to increase entrepreneurial assistance to veterans. The grants will provide funding for programs to veterans that promote business ownership and provide services to small businesses dealing with the deployment of key personnel overseas.

Each SBDC receiving funds will promote increased coordination of services to veterans, and will use multimedia tools to connect veterans through distance learning and customized online business counseling by providing services to reach the local veteran business community. Five of the centers were previously awarded grant funds to provide these services, and will now receive a second year of funding. Five centers will receive grant funds for the first time.

Five SBDCs will receive a second year of funding. They are located at the Research Foundation at the State University of New York, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the University of Kentucky Research Foundation in Lexington, the University of Texas at San Antonio, and George Mason University in Virginia.

Five grant recipients will receive awards for the first time. They are the SBDCs located at the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, the University of Southern Maine, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Lane Community College in Eugene, OR. They were selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants based on the range of services they could provide to veterans.

The New York State SBDC created a special “Veterans’ Business Services” Web page at www.nyssbdc.org/services/veterans/veterans.html that links available services to veterans in the state and also to federal, state and local resources. Online training and business development are also available from the site. The program director participates in seminars for veterans throughout the state and plans events tailored to veterans.

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