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VETERANS' PROGRAM LETTER NO. 07-01

TO: ALL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS, DIRECTORS AND ASSISTANT  
DIRECTORS FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING  
ALL STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AGENCY ADMINISTRATORS  
(SESAs)  
ALL STATE OFFICES OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
ALL ONE-STOP SYSTEM COORDINATORS  
ALL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING  
ADMINISTRATION (INFO)

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SUBJECT: Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Veterans Business  
Development (OVBD)

I. Purpose: To advise labor exchange staff of the availability of a SBA link on the Federal Contractor Award Information System (FCAIS) to assist veterans who want to obtain information on starting/developing a small business, or accessing information on Federal contracting/sub-contracting opportunities.

II. Reference: Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999, Public Law (P.L.) 106-50.

III. Background: P.L. 106-50 expanded existing and established new assistance programs for veterans who own or operate small businesses. The SBA link, available on the FCAIS "login" page, provides interested veterans information and guidance in starting or developing a small business, as well as resources to access Federal contracting/sub-contracting opportunities.

IV. Guidance: The SBA link was added as a tool for Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialists (DVOPs), Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVERs), and other labor exchange network staff to provide information to veterans seeking to establish or expand a small business and assist veteran-owned small businesses access resource information on Federal contracting/sub-contracting opportunities. The link can be accessed by going to the FCAIS website, <http://fcais.cudenver.edu/>, clicking on the "login" button, and clicking on the SBA link.

V. Actions Required:

- A. Regional Administrators for Veterans' Employment and Training (RAVETs) and Directors for Veterans' Employment and Training (DVETs) will ensure that all VETS field staff are informed of the contents of this VPL.
- B. States are requested to distribute this information to all labor exchange staff so they are aware of this tool and will use it to maximize service to targeted veterans and veteran-owned small businesses.
- C. States are requested to ensure that LVER and DVOP staff are informed about this website and use it to provide self-employment information and opportunities to targeted veterans.

VI. Inquiries: Labor exchange staff should address questions to the appropriate DVET. Inquiries from VETS staff regarding this VPL should be directed to Pat Harvey (202) 693-4728.

VII. Expiration Date: Until superceded.