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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION  
CENTER FOR VETERANS ENTERPRISE

Attention Veteran Small Business Owner:

This message is to alert you to a letter that you should receive by Monday, December 20, 2010, from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU). This correspondence will include specific requirements and a 90-day deadline that you must meet to be verified as a Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB).

It is very important for you to submit the necessary completed documents to us as described in that letter. The law requires VA to remove your firm from the Vendor Information Pages database if we do not have your documents (or a note of explanation) within 90 days of receipt of that letter.

As you may be aware, President Obama signed the Veterans Small Business Verification Act in October of 2010 to protect Veterans, their families and survivors who have Veteran-owned small businesses. This law requires VA to verify all VOSB business status as owned and operated by Veterans, service-disabled Veterans or eligible surviving spouses.

VA intends to clearly outline the requirements and to clarify the process as much as possible. The letter will contain detailed instructions and will provide a contact for questions should you need assistance. If you have already submitted your materials for verification, your application is still being considered, although the new law may require submission of additional documentation, which the letter will describe.

If, for any reason, you do not receive the letter by Monday, December 20, 2010, please call our help desk at 202-618-3765 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Eastern time, or send an email message to [vacoexam@va.gov](mailto:vacoexam@va.gov).

Thank you for your patience and service and thank you for supporting all Veterans through your Veteran-owned small business.

\*\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*\*\*

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Hope to see you there!

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