

# RESOURCES FOR VETERAN BUSINESS OWNERS

- If you are a Veteran with a service-connected disability, you may be interested in the **Self-Employment Track** of the **Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)** program. This program allows you to work with a counselor to help develop a business plan, analyze your business concept, obtain training in small-business operations, marketing, and finance, or in getting the resources to implement your business plan. Apply online at <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/apply-vre-form-28-1900/start>
- The **Veteran Entrepreneur Portal** has interactive tools and resources to help start, finance, or grow your business. To access the portal, visit <https://www.va.gov/osdbu/entrepreneur/index.asp>.
- Register your business as a **Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB)** through the **Vets First Verification Program**. Visit [www.vetbiz.va.gov](http://www.vetbiz.va.gov) to register. For questions regarding this verification, call the **Office of the Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization** Call Center at (866) 584-2344.
- The **US Small Business Administration** offers support for veterans as they enter the world of business ownership. To look for funding programs, training, and federal contracting opportunities, visit their website at <https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/grow-your-business/veteran-owned-businesses#section-header-0>.
- If you are already open for business and want to sell to the Federal government, the **Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)** can help with the required documentation and registration to bid on government contracts. For Rockland County the Regional Office is in New York City. Contact a Procurement Counselor at (212) 513-6444.
- **Hire a Veteran Credit:** New York State offers a nonrefundable tax credit if you or your business hires a qualified veteran and employs the veteran in New York State for one year or more for at least 35 hours each week. To learn more, visit: [https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/credits/hire\\_a\\_veteran\\_credit.htm](https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/credits/hire_a_veteran_credit.htm)

# ADDITIONAL TRAINING

## 🌐 Syracuse University offers:

- **Boots to Business:** A free two-day course for Veterans interested in Business Ownership or other Self-Employment Opportunities
- **Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV) Accelerate:** A 3-phase program that gives Veterans tools and coaching to help achieve sustainable growth, rebrand/expand, establish partnerships, and more
- **Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship (V-WISE):** A women-focused training program in entrepreneurship and small business management

To learn more about any of these courses, visit

<https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/apply/our-programs/>.

## 🌐 St. Joseph's University offers an **Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans** designed to provide tools, education, and mentorship for post-9/11 Veterans to start or grow their own business.

To learn more, visit <https://sites.sju.edu/veteransservices/entrepreneurship-programs/sju-entrepreneurship-bootcamp-for-veterans-with-disabilities-ebv/>.

## 🌐 Oklahoma State University offers a **Veterans Entrepreneurship Program** for disabled Veterans. The program is designed for Veterans interested in starting a venture to financial independence.

To learn more, visit <https://business.okstate.edu/riata/vep.html>.

## 🌐 If you are interested in pursuing, or already engaged in federal procurement, the Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP) offers a **Service-Disabled Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program (SDVETP)**.

To learn more, visit <https://nationalvip.org/>.

## 🌐 **Dog Tag Inc** offers a five-month program that allows its Fellows to earn a business certificate from Georgetown University or Loyola University. This program allows individuals to learn how to run a successful business in the bakery and more.

To learn more, visit <https://www.dogtaginc.org/pages/our-program>.

## 🌐 For additional resources and counseling for **military spouses** who own their own business, visit <https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/grow-your-business/veteran-owned-businesses#section-header-0>.