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To establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. VITTER

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Small Busi-
5 ness Ownership Improvements Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. VETERANS' BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTER PRO-**
7 **GRAM; OFFICE OF VETERANS BUSINESS DE-**
8 **VELOPMENT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 32 of the Small Business
10 Act (15 U.S.C. 657b) is amended by striking subsections
11 (d), (e), and (f) and inserting the following:

1 “(d) BOOTS TO BUSINESS PROGRAM.—

2 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

3 “(A) the term ‘covered individual’ means—

4 “(i) a member of the Armed Forces,
5 without regard to whether the member is
6 participating in the Transition Assistance
7 Program of the Department of Defense;

8 “(ii) an individual who is participating
9 in the Transition Assistance Program of
10 the Department of Defense;

11 “(iii) an individual who—

12 “(I) served on active duty in any
13 branch of the Armed Forces, includ-
14 ing the National Guard and Reserves;
15 and

16 “(II) was discharged or released
17 from such service under conditions
18 other than dishonorable; and

19 “(iv) a spouse or dependent of an in-
20 dividual described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii);
21 and

22 “(B) the term ‘Vet Center’ means a center
23 for readjustment counseling and related mental
24 health services for veterans under section
25 1712A of title 38, United States Code.

1 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
2 program to be known as the ‘Boots to Business Pro-
3 gram’ to provide entrepreneurship training to cov-
4 ered individuals, which shall be carried out by the
5 Administrator.

6 “(3) GOALS.—The goals of the Boots to Busi-
7 ness Program are to—

8 “(A) provide exposure, introduction, and
9 in-depth training for covered individuals inter-
10 ested in business ownership; and

11 “(B) provide covered individuals with the
12 tools and knowledge necessary to identify a
13 business opportunity, draft a business plan,
14 identify sources of capital, connect with local
15 small business resources, and launch a small
16 business concern.

17 “(4) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Boots to Busi-
19 ness Program may include—

20 “(i) a brief presentation providing ex-
21 posure to the considerations involved in
22 self-employment and small business owner-
23 ship;

24 “(ii) an online, self-study course fo-
25 cused on the basic skills of entrepreneur-

1 ship, the language of business, and the
2 considerations involved in self-employment
3 and small business ownership;

4 “(iii) an in-person classroom instruc-
5 tion component providing an introduction
6 to the foundations of self employment and
7 small business ownership; and

8 “(iv) in-depth training delivered
9 through online instruction, including an
10 online course that leads to the creation of
11 a business plan.

12 “(B) COLLABORATION.—The Adminis-
13 trator may—

14 “(i) collaborate with public and pri-
15 vate entities to develop a course curriculum
16 for the Boots to Business Program; and

17 “(ii) modify program components in
18 coordination with entities participating in
19 the Warriors in Transition programs, as
20 defined in section 738(f) of the National
21 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
22 2013 (10 U.S.C. 1071 note).

23 “(C) UTILIZATION OF RESOURCE PART-
24 NERS.—

1 lating to the Transition Assistance Pro-
2 gram and in the Transition Assistance
3 Program manual and other publications
4 and materials available for distribution
5 from the Secretary of Defense; and

6 “(ii) fully participate in the inter-
7 agency governance of the Transition As-
8 sistance Program.

9 “(E) AVAILABILITY TO VETERANS AF-
10 FAIRS.—In consultation with the Secretary of
11 Veterans Affairs, the Associate Administrator
12 shall make available outreach materials regard-
13 ing the Boots to Business Program for distribu-
14 tion and display at local facilities of the Depart-
15 ment of Veterans Affairs (including medical
16 centers, community-based outpatient clinics,
17 Vet Centers, and other facilities determined ap-
18 propriate by the Associate Administrator and
19 the Secretary), which shall, at minimum—

20 “(i) describe the Boots to Business
21 Program, including a description of serv-
22 ices provided; and

23 “(ii) include eligibility requirements
24 for participating in the Boots to Business
25 Program.

1 “(5) REVIEW.—The Inspector General of the
2 Administration shall submit to the Committee on
3 Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate
4 and the Committee on Small Business of the House
5 of Representatives an annual report regarding the
6 awarding of grants under the Boots to Business
7 Program.

8 “(e) WOMEN VETERANS BUSINESS TRAINING PRO-
9 GRAM.—

10 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
11 ‘covered individual’ means an individual who—

12 “(A) is female; and

13 “(B) is—

14 “(i) a member of the Armed Forces;

15 “(ii) a veteran; or

16 “(iii) the spouse or dependent of a
17 member of the Armed Forces or a veteran.

18 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator
19 shall establish a program, to be known as the
20 Women Veterans Business Training Program, to
21 provide specific training for covered individuals in-
22 terested in exploring careers as owners of small busi-
23 ness concerns.

24 “(3) GOALS.—The goals of the Women Vet-
25 erans Business Training Program are to—

1 “(A) help covered individuals by providing
2 the tools to become successful entrepreneurs;
3 and

4 “(B) integrate the leadership, integrity,
5 focus, and drive of covered individuals into a
6 premier education training program taught by
7 accomplished entrepreneurs and entrepreneur-
8 ship educators from across the United States.

9 “(4) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Women Veterans
11 Business Training Program may include—

12 “(i) an online, self-study course fo-
13 cused on the basic skills of entrepreneur-
14 ship and the language of business;

15 “(ii) a conference where participants
16 are exposed to accomplished entrepreneurs
17 and entrepreneurship educators from
18 across the United States; and

19 “(iii) a plan to provide ongoing sup-
20 port and mentorship.

21 “(B) COLLABORATION.—The Adminis-
22 trator may collaborate with public and private
23 entities to develop a course curriculum for the
24 Women Veterans Business Training Program.

1 “(5) WOMEN VETERANS BUSINESS TRAINING.—

2 The Associate Administrator shall—

3 “(A) compile information on resources
4 available to women veterans for business train-
5 ing, including resources for—

6 “(i) vocational and technical edu-
7 cation;

8 “(ii) general business skills, such as
9 marketing and accounting; and

10 “(iii) business assistance programs
11 targeted to women veterans;

12 “(B) disseminate the information compiled
13 under subparagraph (A) through veterans’ busi-
14 ness outreach centers and women’s business
15 centers; and

16 “(C) in consultation with the Secretary of
17 Veterans Affairs, make available outreach mate-
18 rials regarding the Women Veterans Business
19 Training Program for distribution and display
20 at local facilities of the Department of Veterans
21 Affairs (including medical centers, community-
22 based outpatient clinics, Vet Centers (as de-
23 fined in subsection (d)(1)), and other facilities
24 determined appropriate by the Associate Ad-

1 administrator and the Secretary), which shall, at
2 a minimum—

3 “(i) describe the Women Veterans
4 Business Training Program, including a
5 description of services provided; and

6 “(ii) include eligibility requirements
7 for participating in the Women Veterans
8 Business Training Program.

9 “(6) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Associate Ad-
10 ministrator may make grants to veterans’ business
11 outreach centers, women’s business centers, and
12 other entities, including other resource partners, to
13 carry out components of the Women Veterans Busi-
14 ness Training Program.

15 “(f) BUSINESS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SERVICE
16 DISABLED VETERANS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-
18 tablish a Business Training Program for Service
19 Disabled Veterans to provide specific training for
20 service-disabled veterans interested in exploring ca-
21 reers as owners of small business concerns.

22 “(2) GOALS.—The goals of the Business Train-
23 ing Program for Service Disabled Veterans are to—

1 “(A) help service-disabled veterans by pro-
2 viding the tools to become successful entre-
3 preneurs; and

4 “(B) integrate the leadership, integrity,
5 focus, and drive of service-disabled veterans
6 into a premier education training program
7 taught by accomplished entrepreneurs and en-
8 trepreneurship educators from across the
9 United States.

10 “(3) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Business Train-
12 ing Program for Service Disabled Veterans may
13 include—

14 “(i) an online, self-study course fo-
15 cused on the basic skills of entrepreneur-
16 ship and the language of business;

17 “(ii) a conference where participants
18 are exposed to accomplished entrepreneurs
19 and entrepreneurship educators from
20 across the United States; and

21 “(iii) a plan to provide ongoing sup-
22 port and mentorship.

23 “(B) COLLABORATION.—The Adminis-
24 trator may collaborate with public and private
25 entities to develop a course curriculum for the

1 Business Training Program for Service Dis-
2 abled Veterans.

3 “(4) AVAILABILITY TO VETERANS AFFAIRS.—In
4 consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
5 the Associate Administrator shall make available
6 outreach materials regarding the Business Training
7 Program for Service Disabled Veterans for distribu-
8 tion and display at local facilities of the Department
9 of Veterans Affairs (including medical centers, com-
10 munity-based outpatient clinics, Vet Centers (as de-
11 fined in subsection (d)(1)), and other facilities deter-
12 mined appropriate by the Associate Administrator
13 and the Secretary), which shall, at minimum—

14 “(A) describe the Business Training Pro-
15 gram for Service Disabled Veterans, including a
16 description of services provided; and

17 “(B) include eligibility requirements for
18 participating in the Business Training Program
19 for Service Disabled Veterans.

20 “(5) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Associate Ad-
21 ministrator may make grants to veterans’ business
22 outreach centers and other entities, including other
23 resource partners, to carry out components of the
24 Business Training Program for Service Disabled
25 Veterans.

1 “(g) VETERANS’ BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTER
2 PROGRAM.—

3 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

4 “(A) the term ‘active duty’ has the mean-
5 ing given that term in section 101 of title 10,
6 United States Code;

7 “(B) the term ‘Reservist’ means a member
8 of a reserve component of the Armed Forces, as
9 described in section 10101 of title 10, United
10 States Code;

11 “(C) the term ‘small business concern
12 owned and controlled by veterans’—

13 “(i) has the meaning given that term
14 in section 3(q); and

15 “(ii) includes a small business con-
16 cern—

17 “(I) not less than 51 percent of
18 which is owned by 1 or more spouses
19 of veterans or, in the case of any pub-
20 licly owned business, not less than 51
21 percent of the stock of which is owned
22 by 1 or more spouses of veterans; and

23 “(II) the management and daily
24 business operations of which are con-

1 trolled by 1 or more spouses of vet-
2 erans;

3 “(D) the term ‘spouse’, relating to a mem-
4 ber of the Armed Forces on active duty, vet-
5 eran, service-disabled veteran, or Reservist, in-
6 cludes an individual who, on the date on which
7 the member of the Armed Forces on active
8 duty, veteran, service-disabled veteran, or Re-
9 servist died, is the spouse of the member of the
10 Armed Forces on active duty, veteran, service-
11 disabled veteran, or Reservist; and

12 “(E) the term ‘veterans’ business outreach
13 center program’ means the program established
14 under paragraph (2)(A).

15 “(2) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator,
17 acting through the Associate Administrator,
18 shall establish a veterans’ business outreach
19 center program, under which the Associate Ad-
20 ministrator may provide financial assistance to
21 educational institutions, veterans’ nonprofit
22 community-based organizations, and Federal,
23 State, and local departments and agencies to
24 conduct a 5-year project for the benefit of small
25 business concerns owned and controlled by vet-

1 erans, which, upon application by the entity re-
2 ceiving financial assistance, may be renewed for
3 1 or more additional 5-year periods.

4 “(B) FORM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—
5 Financial assistance under this subsection may
6 be in the form of a grant, a contract, or a coop-
7 erative agreement.

8 “(3) VETERANS’ BUSINESS OUTREACH CEN-
9 TERS.—Each entity that receives financial assistance
10 under this subsection shall establish or operate a
11 veterans’ business outreach center (which may in-
12 clude establishing or operating satellite offices in the
13 region described in paragraph (5) served by that en-
14 tity) that provides to veterans (including service-dis-
15 abled veterans), Reservists, and the spouses of mem-
16 bers of the Armed Forces on active duty, veterans
17 (including service-disabled veterans), and Reserv-
18 ists—

19 “(A) financial advice, including training
20 and counseling on applying for and securing
21 business credit and investment capital, pre-
22 paring and presenting financial statements, and
23 managing cash flow and other financial oper-
24 ations of a small business concern;

1 “(B) management advice, including train-
2 ing and counseling on the planning, organiza-
3 tion, staffing, direction, and control of each
4 major activity and function of a small business
5 concern;

6 “(C) technical assistance, training, and
7 counseling to assist in identifying and obtaining
8 Federal procurement opportunities;

9 “(D) marketing advice, including training
10 and counseling on identifying and segmenting
11 domestic and international market opportuni-
12 ties, preparing and executing marketing plans,
13 developing pricing strategies, locating contract
14 opportunities, negotiating contracts, and using
15 public relations and advertising techniques; and

16 “(E) other advice, including training and
17 counseling.

18 “(4) APPLICATION.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An entity desiring to
20 receive financial assistance under this sub-
21 section shall submit an application to the Asso-
22 ciate Administrator at such time and in such
23 manner as the Associate Administrator may re-
24 quire.

1 “(B) 5-YEAR PLAN.—Each application de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (A) shall include a 5-
3 year plan on proposed fundraising and training
4 activities relating to the veterans’ business out-
5 reach center.

6 “(C) DETERMINATION AND NOTIFICA-
7 TION.—Not later than 90 days after the date
8 on which applications for a fiscal year are re-
9 quired to be submitted under subparagraph (A),
10 the Associate Administrator shall approve or
11 deny any application submitted and notify the
12 applicant of the determination.

13 “(D) AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION.—
14 The Associate Administrator shall make every
15 effort to make the application under subpara-
16 graph (A) available online.

17 “(5) ELIGIBILITY.—The Associate Adminis-
18 trator may select to receive financial assistance
19 under this subsection—

20 “(A) a Veterans’ Business Outreach Cen-
21 ter established by the Administrator under sec-
22 tion 8(b)(17) on or before the day before the
23 date of enactment of this subsection; or

24 “(B) educational institutions, veterans’
25 nonprofit community-based organizations, and

1 Federal, State, and local departments and
2 agencies located in various regions of the
3 United States, as the Associate Administrator
4 determines is appropriate.

5 “(6) SELECTION CRITERIA.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Associate Admin-
7 istrator shall establish selection criteria, stated
8 in terms of relative importance, to evaluate and
9 rank applicants under paragraph (5)(B) for fi-
10 nancial assistance under this subsection.

11 “(B) CRITERIA.—The selection criteria es-
12 tablished under this paragraph shall include—

13 “(i) the experience of the applicant in
14 conducting programs or ongoing efforts de-
15 signed to impart or upgrade the business
16 skills of veterans (including service-dis-
17 abled veterans), Reservists, and the
18 spouses of members of the Armed Forces
19 on active duty, veterans (including service-
20 disabled veterans), and Reservists who own
21 or may own small business concerns;

22 “(ii) for an applicant for initial finan-
23 cial assistance under this subsection—

24 “(I) the ability of the applicant
25 to begin operating a veterans’ busi-

1 ness outreach center within a min-
2 imum amount of time; and

3 “(II) the geographic region to be
4 served by the veterans’ business out-
5 reach center;

6 “(iii) the demonstrated ability of the
7 applicant to—

8 “(I) provide managerial coun-
9 seling and technical assistance to en-
10 trepreneurs; and

11 “(II) coordinate services provided
12 by veterans service organizations and
13 other public or private entities;

14 “(iv) the demonstrated ability to le-
15 verage and coordinate with existing re-
16 sources and infrastructure of the Adminis-
17 tration; and

18 “(v) for any applicant for a renewal of
19 financial assistance under this subsection,
20 the results of the most recent examination
21 under paragraph (11) of the veterans’
22 business outreach center operated by the
23 applicant.

24 “(C) CRITERIA PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.—

25 The Associate Administrator shall—

1 “(i) make publicly available the selec-
2 tion criteria established under this para-
3 graph;

4 “(ii) include the criteria in each solici-
5 tation for applications for financial assist-
6 ance under this subsection;

7 “(iii) make every effort to ensure re-
8 gional accessibility and geographic rep-
9 resentation in awarding financial assist-
10 ance under this subsection; and

11 “(iv) to the extent practicable, make
12 publicly available the approximate antici-
13 pated date for the determination of award
14 recipients by the Administration and the
15 anticipated timing of disbursement.

16 “(7) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—The amount of
17 financial assistance provided under this subsection
18 to an entity for each fiscal year shall be not less
19 than \$100,000.

20 “(8) FEDERAL SHARE.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

22 “(i) INITIAL FINANCIAL ASSIST-
23 ANCE.—Except as provided in clause (ii)
24 and subparagraph (E), an entity that re-
25 ceives financial assistance under this sub-

1 section shall provide non-Federal contribu-
2 tions for the operation of the veterans'
3 business outreach center established by the
4 entity in an amount equal to—

5 “(I) in each of the first and sec-
6 ond years of the project, not less than
7 33 percent of the amount of the fi-
8 nancial assistance received under this
9 subsection; and

10 “(II) in each of the third through
11 fifth years of the project, not less
12 than 50 percent of the amount of the
13 financial assistance received under
14 this subsection.

15 “(ii) RENEWALS.—An entity that re-
16 ceives a renewal of financial assistance
17 under this subsection shall provide non-
18 Federal contributions for the operation of
19 the veterans' business outreach center es-
20 tablished by the entity in an amount equal
21 to not less than 50 percent of the amount
22 of the financial assistance received under
23 this subsection.

24 “(B) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

25 Not more than 50 percent of the non-Federal

1 share for a project carried out using financial
2 assistance under this subsection may be in the
3 form of in-kind contributions.

4 “(C) TIMING OF DISBURSEMENT.—The
5 Associate Administrator may disburse not more
6 than 25 percent of the financial assistance
7 awarded to an entity before the entity obtains
8 the non-Federal share required under this para-
9 graph with respect to that award.

10 “(D) FAILURE TO OBTAIN NON-FEDERAL
11 FUNDING.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If an entity that
13 receives financial assistance under this
14 subsection fails to obtain the non-Federal
15 share required under this paragraph dur-
16 ing 2 consecutive fiscal years, the entity
17 may not receive a disbursement under this
18 subsection in a subsequent fiscal year or a
19 disbursement for any other project funded
20 by the Administration, unless the Adminis-
21 trator makes a written determination that
22 the entity will be able to obtain a non-Fed-
23 eral contribution.

24 “(ii) RESTORATION.—An entity pro-
25 hibited from receiving a disbursement

1 under clause (i) in a fiscal year may re-
2 ceive financial assistance in a subsequent
3 fiscal year if the entity obtains the non-
4 Federal share required under this para-
5 graph for the subsequent fiscal year.

6 “(E) WAIVER OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Upon request by
8 an entity, and in accordance with this sub-
9 paragraph, the Administrator may waive,
10 in whole or in part, the requirement to ob-
11 tain non-Federal funds under subpara-
12 graph (A) for a fiscal year. The Adminis-
13 trator may not waive the requirement for
14 an entity to obtain non-Federal funds
15 under this subparagraph for more than a
16 total of 2 fiscal years.

17 “(ii) CONSIDERATIONS.—In deter-
18 mining whether to waive the requirement
19 to obtain non-Federal funds under this
20 subparagraph, the Administrator shall con-
21 sider—

22 “(I) the economic conditions af-
23 fecting the entity;

24 “(II) the impact a waiver under
25 this subparagraph would have on the

1 credibility of the veterans’ business
2 outreach center program;

3 “(III) the demonstrated ability of
4 the entity to raise non-Federal funds;
5 and

6 “(IV) the performance of the en-
7 tity.

8 “(iii) LIMITATION.—The Adminis-
9 trator may not waive the requirement to
10 obtain non-Federal funds under this sub-
11 paragraph if granting the waiver would un-
12 dermine the credibility of the veterans’
13 business outreach center program.

14 “(9) AFFILIATION WITH SMALL BUSINESS DE-
15 VELOPMENT CENTERS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An entity receiving fi-
17 nancial assistance under this subsection shall
18 enter into an agreement to affiliate with a small
19 business development center for purposes of
20 carrying out the activities of the entity using
21 the financial assistance.

22 “(B) CONSISTENCY WITH AGREEMENT.—
23 The terms of an agreement to affiliate under
24 subparagraph (A) shall be in accordance with
25 the terms of any agreement between the appli-

1 cable small business development center and the
2 Administration.

3 “(10) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—A veterans’
4 business outreach center may enter into a contract
5 with a Federal department or agency to provide spe-
6 cific assistance to veterans, service-disabled veterans,
7 Reservists, or the spouses of members of the Armed
8 Forces on active duty, veterans, service-disabled vet-
9 erans, or Reservists with prior written approval of
10 the Associate Administrator. Performance of such
11 contract shall not hinder the veterans’ business out-
12 reach center in carrying out the terms of the grant
13 received by the veterans’ business outreach center
14 from the Administrator.

15 “(11) EXAMINATION AND DETERMINATION OF
16 PERFORMANCE.—

17 “(A) EXAMINATION.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than
19 180 days after the date of enactment of
20 this subsection and every year thereafter,
21 the Associate Administrator shall conduct
22 an annual examination of the programs
23 and finances of each veterans’ business
24 outreach center established or operated

1 using financial assistance under this sub-
2 section.

3 “(ii) FACTORS.—In conducting the ex-
4 amination under clause (i), the Associate
5 Administrator shall consider whether the
6 veterans’ business outreach center has
7 failed—

8 “(I) to provide the information
9 required to be provided under sub-
10 paragraph (B), or the information
11 provided by the center is inadequate;

12 “(II) to comply with a require-
13 ment for participation in the veterans’
14 business outreach center program, as
15 determined by the Associate Adminis-
16 trator, including—

17 “(aa) failure to acquire or
18 properly document a non-Federal
19 share;

20 “(bb) failure to establish an
21 appropriate partnership or pro-
22 gram for marketing and outreach
23 to small business concerns;

1 “(cc) failure to achieve re-
2 sults described in a financial as-
3 sistance agreement; and

4 “(dd) failure to provide to
5 the Administrator a description
6 of the amount and sources of any
7 non-Federal funding received by
8 the center;

9 “(III) to carry out the 5-year
10 plan under in paragraph (4)(B);

11 “(IV) to meet the eligibility re-
12 quirements under paragraph (5); or

13 “(V) to serve small business con-
14 cerns in the geographic region served
15 by the veterans’ business outreach
16 center.

17 “(B) INFORMATION PROVIDED.—In the
18 course of an examination under subparagraph
19 (A), the veterans’ business outreach center shall
20 provide to the Associate Administrator—

21 “(i) an itemized cost breakdown of ac-
22 tual expenditures for costs incurred during
23 the most recent full fiscal year, including
24 the amount spent on administrative ex-
25 penses;

1 “(ii) documentation of the amount of
2 non-Federal contributions obtained and ex-
3 pended by the veterans’ business outreach
4 center during the most recent full fiscal
5 year;

6 “(iii) with respect to any in-kind con-
7 tribution under paragraph (8)(B),
8 verification of the existence and valuation
9 of such contribution; and

10 “(iv) any additional information the
11 Associate Administrator determines nec-
12 essary.

13 “(C) DETERMINATION OF PERFORM-
14 ANCE.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Associate Ad-
16 ministrator shall analyze the results of
17 each examination under subparagraph (A)
18 and, based on that analysis, make a deter-
19 mination regarding the performance of the
20 programs and finances of each veterans’
21 business outreach center.

22 “(ii) NONDELEGATION OF DETER-
23 MINATION.—The duty under clause (i) to
24 make a determination regarding the per-
25 formance of the programs and finances of

1 a veterans' business outreach center may
2 not be delegated.

3 “(D) DISCONTINUATION OF FUNDING.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Associate Ad-
5 ministrator may discontinue an award of
6 financial assistance to an entity at any
7 time for poor performance as determined
8 under subparagraph (C).

9 “(ii) RESTORATION.—The Associate
10 Administrator may continue to provide fi-
11 nancial assistance to an entity in a subse-
12 quent fiscal year if the Associate Adminis-
13 trator determines under subparagraph (C)
14 that the veterans' business outreach center
15 has taken appropriate measures to improve
16 its performance and it is viable.

17 “(12) COORDINATION OF EFFORTS AND CON-
18 SULTATION.—

19 “(A) COORDINATION AND CONSULTA-
20 TION.—To the extent practicable, the Associate
21 Administrator and each entity that receives fi-
22 nancial assistance under this subsection shall—

23 “(i) coordinate outreach and other ac-
24 tivities with other programs of the Admin-
25 istration and the programs of other Fed-

1 eral agencies, including programs at local
2 facilities of the Department of Veterans
3 Affairs;

4 “(ii) consult with technical representa-
5 tives of the district offices of the Adminis-
6 tration in carrying out activities using fi-
7 nancial assistance under this subsection;
8 and

9 “(iii) provide information to the vet-
10 erans business development officers des-
11 ignated under subparagraph (B) and co-
12 ordinate with the veterans business devel-
13 opment officers to increase the ability of
14 the veterans business development officers
15 to provide services throughout the area
16 served by the veterans business develop-
17 ment officers.

18 “(B) VETERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
19 OFFICERS.—

20 “(i) DESIGNATION.—The Adminis-
21 trator shall designate not fewer than 1 in-
22 dividual in each district office of the Ad-
23 ministration as a veterans business devel-
24 opment officer, who shall communicate and
25 coordinate activities of the district office

1 with entities that receive financial assist-
2 ance under this subsection.

3 “(ii) INITIAL DESIGNATION.—The
4 first individual in each district office of the
5 Administration designated by the Adminis-
6 trator as a veterans business development
7 officer under clause (i) shall be an indi-
8 vidual that is employed by the Administra-
9 tion on the date of enactment of this sub-
10 section.

11 “(13) EXISTING CONTRACTS.—An award of fi-
12 nancial assistance under this subsection shall not
13 void any contract or cooperative agreement between
14 any entity and the Administration or grant to any
15 entity from the Administration that is in effect on
16 the date of such award.

17 “(h) ONLINE COORDINATION.—

18 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
19 ‘veterans’ assistance provider’ means—

20 “(A) a veterans’ business outreach center
21 established under subsection (g);

22 “(B) an employee of the Administration
23 assigned to the Office of Veterans Business De-
24 velopment; or

1 “(C) a veterans business development offi-
2 cer designated under subsection (g)(12)(B).

3 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Associate Admin-
4 istrator shall establish an online mechanism to—

5 “(A) provide information that assists vet-
6 erans’ assistance providers in carrying out the
7 activities of the veterans’ assistance providers;
8 and

9 “(B) coordinate and leverage the work of
10 the veterans’ assistance providers, including by
11 allowing a veterans’ assistance provider to—

12 “(i) distribute best practices and
13 other materials;

14 “(ii) communicate with other vet-
15 erans’ assistance providers regarding the
16 activities of the veterans’ assistance pro-
17 vider on behalf of veterans; and

18 “(iii) pose questions to and request
19 input from other veterans’ assistance pro-
20 viders.

21 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
22 authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2016
23 through 2020—

24 “(1) \$2,500,000 to carry out subsection (g);
25 and

1 “(2) \$8,000,000 to carry out subsections (d),
2 (e), and (f).

3 “(j) LIMITATIONS ON USE FOR OVERSEAS TRAV-
4 EL.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Financial assistance made
6 available under this section may not be used for
7 travel outside of the United States (as defined in
8 section 202(a)(7) of the State Department Basic
9 Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 4302(a)(7))
10 until after the date on which the Administrator sub-
11 mits to the Committee on Small Business and En-
12 trepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on
13 Small Business of the House of Representatives a
14 plan describing how services will provided by recipi-
15 ents, and how the Administrator will oversee the
16 provision of services, the outside of the United
17 States

18 “(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—After the date de-
19 scribed in paragraph (1), a recipient of financial as-
20 sistance made available under this section may use
21 not more than 5 percent of the amount of the finan-
22 cial assistance for travel outside of the United
23 States.

24 “(k) REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after the
25 date of enactment of this subsection and every year there-

1 after, the Associate Administrator shall submit to the
2 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of
3 the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the
4 House of Representatives a report on the performance and
5 effectiveness for the programs authorized under this sec-
6 tion, which may be included as part of another report sub-
7 mitted to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-
8 neurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Busi-
9 ness of the House of Representatives by the Associate Ad-
10 ministrator, and which shall include the following:

11 “(1) BOOTS TO BUSINESS.—For the Boots to
12 Business Program under subsection (d)—

13 “(A) the number of program participants
14 using each component of the Boots to Business
15 Program;

16 “(B) the completion rates for each compo-
17 nent of the Boots to Business Program;

18 “(C) to the extent possible—

19 “(i) the demographics of program par-
20 ticipants, to include gender, age, race, rela-
21 tionship to military, Military Occupational
22 Code, and years of service of program par-
23 ticipants;

24 “(ii) the number of small business
25 concerns formed or expanded with assist-

1 “(E) an assessment of additional perform-
2 ance outcome measures for the Boots to Busi-
3 ness Program, as identified by the Associate
4 Administrator;

5 “(F) any recommendations of the Adminis-
6 trator for improvement of the Boots to Busi-
7 ness Program, which may include expansion of
8 the types of individuals who are covered individ-
9 uals;

10 “(G) an explanation of how the Boots to
11 Business program has been integrated with
12 other transition programs and related resources
13 of the Administration and other Federal agen-
14 cies; and

15 “(H) any additional information the Ad-
16 ministrators determines necessary.

17 “(2) WOMEN VETERANS BUSINESS TRAINING
18 PROGRAM.—For the Women Veterans Business
19 Training Program under subsection (e)—

20 “(A) the number of program participants
21 using each component of the Women Veterans
22 Business Training Program;

23 “(B) the completion rates for each compo-
24 nent of the Women Veterans Business Training
25 Program;

1 “(C) to the extent possible—

2 “(i) the demographics of program par-
3 ticipants, to include gender, age, race, rela-
4 tionship to military, and years of service;

5 “(ii) the number of small business
6 concerns formed or expanded with assist-
7 ance under the Women Veterans Business
8 Training Program;

9 “(iii) the gross receipts of small busi-
10 ness concerns receiving assistance under
11 the Women Veterans Business Training
12 Program;

13 “(iv) the number of jobs created with
14 assistance under the Women Veterans
15 Business Training Program;

16 “(v) the number of referrals to other
17 resources and programs of the Administra-
18 tion;

19 “(vi) the number of referrals from
20 other resources and programs of the Ad-
21 ministration and other Federal agencies;

22 “(vii) the number of program partici-
23 pants receiving financial assistance under
24 loan programs of the Administration;

1 “(viii) the type and dollar amount of
2 financial assistance received by program
3 participants under loan programs of the
4 Administration; and

5 “(ix) the results of participant satis-
6 faction surveys, including a summary of
7 any comments received from program par-
8 ticipants;

9 “(D) an assessment of additional perform-
10 ance outcome measures for the Women Vet-
11 erans Business Training Program, as identified
12 by the Associate Administrator;

13 “(E) any recommendations of the Adminis-
14 trator for improvement of the Women Veterans
15 Business Training Program;

16 “(F) an explanation of how the Women
17 Veterans Business Training Program has been
18 integrated with other transition programs and
19 related resources of the Administration and
20 other Federal agencies; and

21 “(G) any additional information the Ad-
22 ministrator determines necessary.

23 “(3) BUSINESS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SERV-
24 ICE DISABLED VETERANS.—For the Business Train-

1 ing Program for Service Disabled Veterans under
2 subsection (f)—

3 “(A) the number of program participants
4 using each component of the Business Training
5 Program for Service Disabled Veterans;

6 “(B) the completion rates for each compo-
7 nent of the Business Training Program for
8 Service Disabled Veterans;

9 “(C) to the extent possible—

10 “(i) the demographics of program par-
11 ticipants, to include gender, age, race, rela-
12 tionship to military, and years of service;

13 “(ii) the number of small business
14 concerns formed or expanded with assist-
15 ance under the Business Training Program
16 for Service Disabled Veterans;

17 “(iii) the gross receipts of small busi-
18 ness concerns receiving assistance under
19 the Business Training Program for Service
20 Disabled Veterans;

21 “(iv) the number of jobs created with
22 assistance under the Business Training
23 Program for Service Disabled Veterans;

1 “(v) the number of referrals to other
2 resources and programs of the Administra-
3 tion;

4 “(vi) the number of referrals from
5 other resources and programs of the Ad-
6 ministration and other Federal agencies;

7 “(vii) the number of program partici-
8 pants receiving financial assistance under
9 loan programs of the Administration;

10 “(viii) the type and dollar amount of
11 financial assistance received by program
12 participants under loan programs of the
13 Administration; and

14 “(ix) the results of participant satis-
15 faction surveys, including a summary of
16 any comments received from program par-
17 ticipants;

18 “(D) an assessment of additional perform-
19 ance outcome measures for the Business Train-
20 ing Program for Service Disabled Veterans, as
21 identified by the Associate Administrator;

22 “(E) any recommendations of the Adminis-
23 trator for improvement of the Business Train-
24 ing Program for Service Disabled Veterans;

1 “(F) an explanation of how the Business
2 Training Program for Service Disabled Vet-
3 erans has been integrated with other transition
4 programs and related resources of the Adminis-
5 tration and other Federal agencies; and

6 “(G) any additional information the Ad-
7 ministrators determine necessary.

8 “(4) VETERAN’S BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTER
9 PROGRAM.—For the veterans’ business outreach cen-
10 ter program under subsection (g)—

11 “(A) an evaluation of the effectiveness of
12 the veterans’ business outreach center program
13 in each region of the Administration during the
14 most recent full fiscal year;

15 “(B) for each veterans’ business outreach
16 center established or operated using financial
17 assistance provided under subsection (g)—

18 “(i) the number of individuals receiv-
19 ing assistance from the veterans’ business
20 outreach center, including the number of
21 such individuals who are—

22 “(I) veterans or spouses of vet-
23 erans;

24 “(II) service-disabled veterans or
25 spouses of service-disabled veterans;

1 “(III) Reservists or spouses of
2 Reservists; or

3 “(IV) spouses of members of the
4 Armed Forces on active duty;

5 “(ii) the average distance traveled by
6 veterans to access services at the veterans’
7 business outreach center;

8 “(iii) the number of small business
9 concerns formed by individuals receiving
10 assistance from the veterans’ business out-
11 reach center, including—

12 “(I) veterans or spouses of vet-
13 erans;

14 “(II) service-disabled veterans or
15 spouses of service-disabled veterans;

16 “(III) Reservists or spouses of
17 Reservists; or

18 “(IV) spouses of members of the
19 Armed Forces on active duty; and

20 “(iv) to the extent possible—

21 “(I) the gross receipts of small
22 business concerns receiving assistance
23 from the veterans’ business outreach
24 center;

1 “(II) the employment increases
2 or decreases of small business con-
3 cerns receiving assistance from the
4 veterans’ business outreach center;

5 “(III) the increases or decreases
6 in profits of small business concerns
7 receiving assistance from the veterans’
8 business outreach center;

9 “(IV) the number of referrals by
10 the veterans’ business outreach center
11 to other resources and programs of
12 the Administration;

13 “(V) the results of satisfaction
14 surveys, including a summary of any
15 comments received from small busi-
16 ness concerns receiving assistance
17 from the veterans’ business outreach
18 center;

19 “(VI) the number of small busi-
20 ness concerns receiving assistance
21 from the veterans’ business outreach
22 center that received financial assist-
23 ance under loan programs of the Ad-
24 ministration;

1 “(VII) the type and dollar
2 amount of financial assistance re-
3 ceived under loan programs of the Ad-
4 ministration by small business con-
5 cerns receiving assistance from the
6 veterans’ business outreach center;

7 “(VIII) the number of small
8 business concerns receiving assistance
9 from the veterans’ business outreach
10 center that obtained a Federal con-
11 tract through a small business con-
12 tracting program;

13 “(IX) the type and dollar amount
14 of the Federal contracts awarded to
15 small business concerns receiving as-
16 sistance from the veterans’ business
17 outreach center;

18 “(X) an assessment of additional
19 performance outcome measures for
20 the veterans’ business outreach cen-
21 ter, as identified by the Associate Ad-
22 ministrator; and

23 “(XI) the results of the examina-
24 tion of the veterans’ business outreach
25 center under subsection (g)(10);

1 “(C) any recommendations of the Adminis-
2 trator for improvement of the veterans’ busi-
3 ness outreach center program;

4 “(D) an explanation of how the veterans’
5 business outreach center program has been in-
6 tegrated with other transition programs and re-
7 lated resources of the Administration and other
8 Federal agencies; and

9 “(E) any additional information the Ad-
10 ministrator determines necessary.

11 “(5) OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS AD-
12 MINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF VETERANS BUSI-
13 NESS DEVELOPMENT.—An evaluation of the effec-
14 tiveness of any other activities and programs admin-
15 istered by the Office of Veterans Business Develop-
16 ment, including using the metrics identified in para-
17 graphs (1) through (4).”.

18 (b) FEDERAL SHARE FOR EXISTING PROGRAM.—

19 (1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
20 “existing award” means an award made under the
21 Veterans’ Business Outreach Center Program of the
22 Small Business Administration before the date of
23 enactment of this Act that is in effect on the date
24 of enactment of this Act.

1 (2) EXCEPTION FROM PROVISION ON FAILURE
2 TO OBTAIN NON-FEDERAL FUNDING.—During the 2-
3 year period beginning on the date of enactment of
4 this Act, subsection (g)(8)(D) of section 32 of the
5 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657b), as added by
6 subsection (a), shall not apply to an existing award.

7 (c) GAO REPORTS.—

8 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

9 (A) the term “covered individual” means—

10 (i) a veteran;

11 (ii) a service-disabled veteran;

12 (iii) a Reservist;

13 (iv) the spouse of an individual de-
14 scribed in clause (i), (ii), or (iii); or

15 (v) the spouse of a member of the
16 Armed Forces;

17 (B) the terms “Reservist”, “small business
18 concern owned and controlled by veterans”, and
19 “veterans’ business outreach center program”
20 have the meanings given those terms in section
21 32(g) of the Small Business Act, as added by
22 subsection (a); and

23 (C) the terms “service-disabled veteran”,
24 “small business concern”, and “veteran” have

1 the meanings given those terms under section 3
2 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

3 (2) REPORT ON ACCESS TO CREDIT.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
6 Comptroller General of the United States shall
7 submit a report regarding the ability of small
8 business concerns owned and controlled by cov-
9 ered individuals to access credit to—

10 (i) the Committee on Veterans' Af-
11 fairs and the Committee on Small Business
12 and Entrepreneurship of the Senate; and

13 (ii) the Committee on Veterans' Af-
14 fairs and the Committee on Small Business
15 of the House of Representatives.

16 (B) CONTENTS.—The report submitted
17 under subparagraph (A) shall include an anal-
18 ysis of—

19 (i) the sources of credit used by small
20 business concerns owned and controlled by
21 covered individuals and the percentage of
22 the credit obtained by small business con-
23 cerns owned and controlled by covered in-
24 dividuals that is obtained from each
25 source;

1 (ii) the default rate for small business
2 concerns owned and controlled by covered
3 individuals separately for each source of
4 credit described in clause (i), as compared
5 to the default rate for the source of credit
6 for small business concerns generally;

7 (iii) the Federal lending programs
8 available to provide credit to small busi-
9 ness concerns owned and controlled by cov-
10 ered individuals;

11 (iv) gaps, if any, in the availability of
12 credit for small business concerns owned
13 and controlled by covered individuals that
14 are not being filled by the Federal Govern-
15 ment or private sources;

16 (v) obstacles faced by covered individ-
17 uals in trying to access credit;

18 (vi) the extent to which deployment
19 and other military responsibilities affect
20 the credit history of veterans and Reserv-
21 ists; and

22 (vii) the extent to which covered indi-
23 viduals are aware of Federal programs tar-
24 geted towards helping covered individuals
25 access credit.

1 (3) REPORT ON VETERANS' BUSINESS OUT-
2 REACH CENTER PROGRAM.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days
4 after the end of the second fiscal year beginning
5 after the date on which the veterans' business
6 outreach center program is established, the
7 Comptroller General of the United States shall
8 evaluate the effectiveness of the veterans' busi-
9 ness outreach center program, and submit to
10 Congress a report on the results of that evalua-
11 tion.

12 (B) CONTENTS.—The report submitted
13 under subparagraph (A) shall include—

14 (i) an assessment of—

15 (I) the use of amounts made
16 available to carry out the veterans'
17 business outreach center program;

18 (II) the effectiveness of the serv-
19 ices provided by each entity receiving
20 financial assistance under the vet-
21 erans' business outreach center pro-
22 gram;

23 (III) whether the services de-
24 scribed in subclause (II) are duplica-
25 tive of services provided by other vet-

1 erans service organizations, programs
2 of the Small Business Administration,
3 or programs of another Federal de-
4 partment or agency and, if so, rec-
5 ommendations regarding how to al-
6 leviate the duplication of the services;

7 (IV) whether there are areas of
8 the United States in which there are
9 not adequate entrepreneurial services
10 for small business concerns owned and
11 controlled by veterans and, if so,
12 whether there is a veterans' business
13 outreach center established under the
14 veterans' business outreach center
15 program providing services to that
16 area; and

17 (V) whether there is a correlation
18 between the proximity of a veterans'
19 business outreach center to small
20 business concerns owned and con-
21 trolled by veterans and the rate of the
22 use of the services of the veterans'
23 business outreach center; and

1 (ii) recommendations, if any, for im-
2 proving the veterans' business outreach
3 center program.

4 **SEC. 3. IMPROVEMENTS TO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND**
5 **ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 (1) the terms “Administration” and “Adminis-
8 trator” mean the Small Business Administration
9 and the Administrator thereof, respectively;

10 (2) the term “individual eligible for a veteran
11 entrepreneurial development program” means—

12 (A) a covered individual, as defined in sec-
13 tion 32(d)(1) of the Small Business Act, as
14 amended by section 2;

15 (B) a covered individual, as defined in sec-
16 tion 32(e)(1) of the Small Business Act, as
17 amended by section 2;

18 (C) a service-disabled veteran, as defined
19 in section 3(q)(1) of the Small Business Act
20 (15 U.S.C. 632(q)(1)); and

21 (D) an individual who qualifies to be the
22 owner of a small business concern owned and
23 controlled by veterans, as defined in section
24 32(g)(1)(C) of the Small Business Act, as
25 amended by section 2;

1 (3) the term “one-stop resource” means the
2 one-stop online resource established under sub-
3 section (c)(1); and

4 (4) the term “small business concern” has the
5 meaning given that term under section 3 of the
6 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

7 (b) VETERAN PEER-TO-PEER NETWORKS.—Not later
8 than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
9 Administrator shall establish guidelines to improve the
10 network of peer-to-peer counseling and mentoring for indi-
11 viduals eligible for a veteran entrepreneurial development
12 program relating to the business development and entre-
13 preneurial programs of the Administration.

14 (c) ONE-STOP ONLINE RESOURCE.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-
16 tablish an online mechanism that serves as a one-
17 stop online resource for veterans regarding all of the
18 entrepreneurial development programs of the Admin-
19 istration.

20 (2) CONTENTS.—The one-stop resource shall
21 include descriptions of each entrepreneurial program
22 of the Administration (which shall include the pro-
23 grams described in paragraph (3)), including—

24 (A) target client descriptions for each pro-
25 gram;

1 (B) contact information for information on
2 or assistance regarding each program from lo-
3 cally, State-wide, and nationally available
4 sources;

5 (C) a detailed description of the services
6 available under each program;

7 (D) a description of any costs associated
8 with the services under each program;

9 (E) an outline of program curriculums if
10 training seminars or courses are offered; and

11 (F) other resource information that the
12 Administrator determines appropriate and nec-
13 essary for veteran entrepreneurs and veterans
14 who own small business concerns, in order to
15 ensure the one-stop online resource provides in-
16 formation and resources necessary for a veteran
17 beginning to develop a small business concern.

18 (3) PROGRAMS.—The programs identified and
19 described under the one-stop resource shall in-
20 clude—

21 (A) the small business development center
22 program under section 21 of the Small Busi-
23 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 648);

1 (B) the women’s business center program
2 under section 29 of the Small Business Act (15
3 U.S.C. 656);

4 (C) the programs of the Office of Entre-
5 preneurship Education of the Administration;

6 (D) the Boots to Business program under
7 section 32(d) of the Small Business Act, as
8 amended by section 2(a) of this Act;

9 (E) the veterans’ business outreach center
10 program under section 32(e) of the Small Busi-
11 ness Act, as amended by section 2(a) of this
12 Act;

13 (F) the Service Corps of Retired Execu-
14 tives program authorized by section 8(b)(1) of
15 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1));
16 and

17 (G) any other program of the Administra-
18 tion determined appropriate by the Adminis-
19 trator.

20 **SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR INTERAGENCY**
21 **TASK FORCE.**

22 Section 32(c) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
23 657b(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(4) REPORT.—Not less frequently than once
2 each year, the Administrator shall submit to Con-
3 gress a report—

4 “(A) discussing the appointments made to
5 and activities of the task force; and

6 “(B) identifying and outlining a plan for
7 outreach and promotion of all the programs au-
8 thorized under the Veterans Small Business
9 Development Act of 2015, or an amendment
10 made by that Act.”.

11 **SEC. 5. EDUCATIONAL TRAINING.**

12 Section 8(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
13 637(b)) is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (16), by striking “and” at the
15 end;

16 (2) in paragraph (17), by striking the period at
17 the end and inserting “; and”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(18) to make a grant to, or enter into a coop-
20 erative agreement with, a nonprofit entity to operate
21 an educational training program to provide assist-
22 ance to small business concerns owned and con-
23 trolled by veterans regarding how to increase the
24 likelihood of being awarded contracts with the Fed-
25 eral Government—

1 “(A) which shall be made to or entered
2 into with a nonprofit entity that has a track
3 record of successfully providing educational and
4 job training services to targeted veterans popu-
5 lations in diverse locations;

6 “(B) under which the nonprofit entity shall
7 be required to match any Federal funds re-
8 ceived for the program with State, local, or pri-
9 vate sector funds; and

10 “(C) under which the nonprofit entity shall
11 use a diverse group of professional service ex-
12 perts, such as Federal, State, and local con-
13 tracting experts and private sector industry ex-
14 perts with first-hand experience in Federal Gov-
15 ernment contracting, to provide instruction to
16 small business concerns owned and controlled
17 by veterans.”.