



Veterans Small Business Week Approaches

By Carol Chastang

WASHINGTON—The United States Small Business Administration (SBA) will celebrate veteran small business owners nationwide during National Veterans Small Business Week 2017 (NVSBW), October 30 to November 3.

“Veteran entrepreneurs are a driving force in our economy. Each year, the Small Business Administration assists thousands of veterans, reservists, members of the National Guard, and service-disabled veterans to start and grow their small businesses. Veterans are integral to the growth of America’s small businesses. Nearly one in every ten American businesses today is owned by a veteran, collectively employs nearly six million workers and generates more than \$1.2 trillion in receipts,” said Barbara Carson, Associate Administrator for the Small Business Administration’s Office of Veterans Business Development.

“With our partners, we are working to empower the next greatest generation of veteran

small business owners to build on the outstanding successes of the generations that came before them,” she said.

During National Veterans Small Business Week, Small Business Administration district offices and resource partners across the United States will host local events including Boots to Business and Boots to Business: Reboot, webinars, and workshops on access to capital, federal procurement, and entrepreneurial development.

The Small Business Administration encourages veteran business owners to share their small business success stories and asks local communities to demonstrate appreciation for veteran entrepreneurs and small business owners by joining the National Veterans Small Business Week conversation using the #MyVetBiz hashtag.

In 2015, United States Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) introduced a resolution to designate the first week in November as National Veterans Small Business Week. A similar resolution will be passed in this year for National Veterans Small Business Week 2017, which will include the last two days of October. The two-fold purpose of National



Veterans Small Business Week is to applaud the success of veteran entrepreneurs and to increase awareness of the Small Business Administration’s programs and services for transitioning military service members, veterans, and their spouses.

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MTA LIRR Contract No. 6197
Bid Date: November 1, 2017

Description of project:
The scope of work includes the reconstruction of Tracks 9–12 including the restoration of third rail systems; switch replacements; construction of car cleaning platforms; underground utility work (drainage, domestic water piping, and electrical traction duct banks); raise track profiles; traction and wayside power systems work; removal of petroleum contaminated soil. In addition, the work includes properly staging the work and minimizing impacts to operations. Early construction to support restoration and mitigation will also be part of the successful bidder’s work, including the installation of third rail systems on tracks 7 and 8 (enhancing system resiliency) and including a fuel safety interlock.

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MTA Bridges and Tunnels Contract No: RK-07
Bid Date: November 8, 2017

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to painting, electrical wires and controls, barges, safety boats, miscellaneous steel fabrication, survey, machinery and asbestos remediation. Engineering/architectural opportunities include MPT design, geotechnical, code compliance, BIM, utilities, environmental, and survey engineering. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

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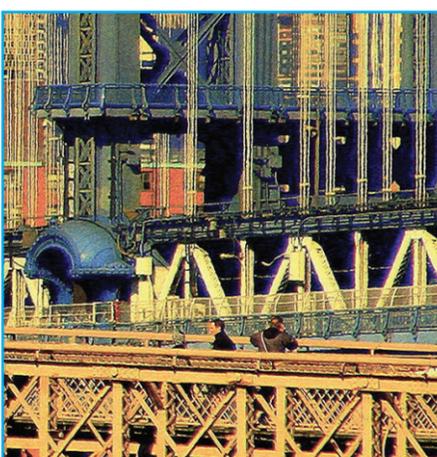
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NORTHEAST EVENTS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

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Is QuickBooks Right for You?
Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
North Country Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 194 US Oval, Room 220, Plattsburgh, NY
Main Sponsor(s): North Country Small Business Development Center, Small Business Administration
Contact: 518-564-2042, sbdc@plattsburgh.edu
Fee: Free; registration required

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Desarrollo de paquete de préstamos en Español
Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 6:00 pm–9:00 pm
Raritan Valley Community College, 118 Lamington Road, Branchburg, NJ
Main Sponsor(s): New Jersey Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at RVCC

Contact: Allison Gill, 908-526-1200 X8516, sbdc@raritanval.edu
Fee: Free; registration required

¡NUEVO! Desarrollo de paquete de préstamos en Español. Esta clase ofrecerá a los asistentes una visión general de los procesos de desarrollo del paquete de préstamo. Ustedes aprenderán la importancia de un plan de negocios, revisar su informe de crédito y qué documentación es necesaria normalmente por los bancos para garantizar un préstamo de pequeña empresa. (3 horas) Es obligatorio el registro. Precio del curso: gratis. The New Jersey Small Business Development Center at Raritan Valley Community College exists to help small businesses succeed. They offer free counseling, continuing education courses, and special events.

Vermont Veterans Small Business Day (myvetbiz)
Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 8:30 am–2:30 pm
Center for Women and Enterprise, 2431 Pine Street, Burlington, VT
Main Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration
Contact: Daniel Monahan, 802-828-4422, daniel.monahan@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required

This free small business event is held in conjunction with the Small Business Administration’s National Veterans Small Business Week. With more than 21 million veterans in America and more than 250,000 service members transitioning from the military annually, SBA is focused on ensuring that they have access to the capital, business counseling, and contracting assistance needed to start and grow successful businesses. This event includes workshops, presentations, one-on-one business counseling, networking, and a complementary lunch.