



# Veterans' Entrepreneurship Task Force (VET-Force)

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“Taking Federal Procurement for Service-Disabled Veterans to the Next Level”

- Association for Service Disabled Veterans
- Association of Small Business Development Centers
- American G.I. Forum of the United States
- AMVETS (American Veterans)
- Black Veterans for Social Justice, Inc.  
Blinded Veterans Association  
Center for Veterans Issues
- Enlisted Association of the National Guard
- Jewish War Veterans of the USA
- Korean War Veterans Association
- National Association for Black Veterans
- National Association for Uniformed Services  
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans
- Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America
- Paralyzed Veterans of America
- Reserve Officers Association of the United States  
The Retired Enlisted Association
- The Veterans Advocacy Foundation  
Veterans Benefits Clearinghouse
- Veterans Business Network
- Veterans Enterprise, Training & Services Group
- Veterans of Modern Warfare  
Vetpreneur, LLC  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Vietnam Veterans of California
1. **STATEMENT:** An Oversight and Reform Committee investigation needs to be established to ascertain why large business federal contractors are not meeting their 3% mandate for SDVOSB's. They have not set a procurement percentage for VOSB's required by PL 106-50.
  2. **STATEMENT:** Small business subcontracting plans submitted by large prime contractors should be monitored more closely. Small business subcontracting plans, including all details of the plans, required by large prime contractors, shall be made public and fully accessible either electronically or on forms 294 and 295, immediately upon request. Large companies not meeting the 3% subcontracting mandate should not be allowed to repeat the same poor performance on re-competes and new competes.
  3. **STATEMENT:** Require Performance Reviews of all Senior Officials to reward or sanction Federal managers with regard to compliance and reporting of meeting the SDVOSB mandate.
  4. **STATEMENT:** Conduct a Small Business Oversight subcommittee hearing for the purpose to identify all GSA regulations, policies and procedures that hinder small business development and growth.
  5. **STATEMENT:** Increase SBA Surety Bonding to levels necessary to support small business success in the federal marketplace. Limits should be revised upward to \$20,000,000.
  6. **STATEMENT:** Limit “Bid” Bonds to projects requiring more than \$150,000 in Bonding. FAR presently has \$50,000 set by the last Administration. Return it to \$150,000.
  7. **STATEMENT:** Increase the numbers of Procurement Center Representatives (PCR) under the SBA Prime Contracts Program and Commercial Market Representatives (CMR) under the SBA Subcontracting Assistance Programs and hold SBA accountable for their performance.
  8. **STATEMENT:** The President's Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development submitted 18 recommendations to the President. The VET-Force supports those 18 recommendations and will assist in any way it can to ensure the 18 are implemented.
  9. **STATEMENT:** VET-Force supports the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010.
  10. **STATEMENT:** Vest the GI Bill benefits as a property right (Recommendation #15 – Interagency Task Force on Veteran Small Business).
  11. **STATEMENT:** Creation of a new small business procurement initiative is supported by the VET-Force whereby a firm's total work force is comprised of at least 35% veterans. (Recommendation #18 – Interagency Task Force on Veteran Small Business)
  12. **STATEMENT:** Last year Congress and the Executive Branch tried to level the playing field between SDVOBs, 8a(s), WOB's and Hubzones. They Changed Hubzone, VOSB's and WOB's to “shall.” This did not create parity because 8(a) still has “non-competitive.”
  13. **STATEMENT:** When a VOSB or SDVOSB is denied verification by the VA they can reapply in six months. There is no appeal process. The SBA Office of Hearing Appeals (OHA) needs to be provided additional staff and legislative changes are needed to authorize an appeal process.

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