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Virginia Small Business Development Center Veteran of the Year Award

Roanoke, Virginia – Friday, November 6th at 10:00 AM the 20th Annual presentation of the Virginia Small Business Development Center Veteran of the Year Award will take place virtually in collaboration with the Roanoke Regional Small Business Development Center and the Virginia Small Business Development Center. The Veteran of the Year Award will be presented to a Veteran-led, owned and operated business located in the City of Roanoke.

The Virginia Small Business Veteran of the Year Award was developed to:

- Recognize Virginia veterans who have made a significant contribution to the economy through ownership in a small business.
- Recognize veterans who have made a significant difference in their communities by promoting a sense of duty, volunteerism, and an appreciation of country, democracy, and freedom.
- Increase the number of veterans served by the Virginia SBDC Network.

For additional information, please contact Tom Tanner, VetBiz + Lead Advisor, Roanoke Regional Small Business Development Center, ttanner@roanokesmallbusiness.org, 540.682.2103.

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About the Virginia SBDC Veteran of the Year Award Program

The mission of Virginia Small Business Development Center is to contribute to the development of Virginia's economy and provide technical business assistance to small and medium sized businesses throughout Virginia. From the Federal mandate of the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999, Public Law 106-50, plus a deep sense of indebtedness to all veterans, Virginia SBDC has continued to include Virginia veterans as a target group for special assistance. The Virginia Small Business Veteran of the Year Award has been established to recognize the accomplishments of this special group of Virginia entrepreneurs.

About the Roanoke Regional Small Business Development Center + VetBiz Program

The Roanoke Regional Small Business Development Center, along with the VetBiz program is

funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration and supported by America's SBDC, Virginia SBDC, and George Mason University. Our match funding is provided by local administrations, economic development offices, local organizations, and businesses that are all small business champions

About the Virginia SBDC

The Virginia SBDC is an organization of 27 local Small Business Development Center offices across Virginia providing professional business counseling, training, and business resources to help grow and strengthen Virginia businesses.

Thousands of business owners and managers received one-on-one counseling every year, and twice as many business owners attended a training program offered by a local SBDC. SBDC professionals assist with business planning, marketing, financial analysis, access to capital, business start-up and other specialized services as requested. And companies report successes and impact as a result of their SBDC relationship. See our most recent statistics [here](#).

The Virginia SBDC Network is the most extensive business development program in the Commonwealth. The Network is a partnership between the U.S. Small Business Administration, George Mason University and premier local host organizations throughout Virginia. These vital partners include universities, community colleges, chambers of commerce, municipalities, economic development organizations, and private companies.