



## Veterans Entrepreneurship ... Your Key to Small Business Success

### **Veteran Representative Available for Free Business Development Assistance**

- WHO:** Miguel Morales, Veterans Business Development Officer promoting business ownership for veterans, financing options to start or grow a business.
- WHAT:** A Veterans Business Development Officer from the New Hampshire District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration will be available at the Amoskeag Business Incubator to provide the military community members full access to the SBA's range of programs and services, including the benefits of SBA's Patriot Express program for veterans. **No appointment is necessary.**
- WHEN:**
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| Friday, July 10, 2009      | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  |
| Friday, August 21, 2009    | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  |
| Friday, September 18, 2009 | 11:00 a. m. – 1:00 p.m. |
- WHERE:** Amoskeag Business Incubator – 33 South Commercial Street- Manchester, NH

In just two year's time, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Patriot Express Pilot Loan Initiative has supported more than \$315 million in loans to more than 3,750 veterans and their spouses who are using the SBA-guaranteed funds to establish and expand their small businesses. As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which raised loan guarantees to 90 percent, and eliminated fees temporarily, the number of Patriot Express loans increased to record levels in April and May of 2009.

Patriot Express, launched June 28, 2007, builds on the more than \$1 billion in loans SBA guarantees annually for veteran-owned businesses, and the counseling assistance and procurement support it provides each year to more than 200,000 veterans, service-disabled veterans and Reserve members. Details on the initiative can be found at [www.sba.gov/patriotexpress](http://www.sba.gov/patriotexpress).

The SBA and its Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD) provides comprehensive assistance, outreach and support to veterans. Each year the SBA assists more than 200,000 veterans, service-disabled veterans and reservists. Go to [www.sba.gov/vets](http://www.sba.gov/vets).

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