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Dear SBA Partner,

At the Small Business Administration (SBA), we work hard to ensure that our nation's veterans have the tools they need to start and grow businesses when they return from service.

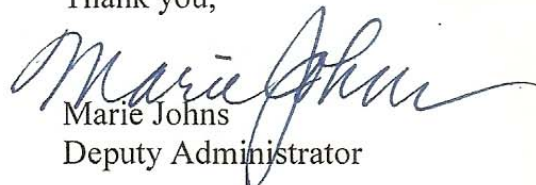
As part of this effort, SBA's Office of Veterans Business Development is partnering with Syracuse University on three programs designed to support entrepreneurial development—specifically for service-disabled veterans, women veterans, and members of the Reserve Components of the U.S. Military and their immediate families. I am delighted that SBA is involved with such important work, and hope you will share these new programs with the small business owners and entrepreneurs you talk to every day.

- **The Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities**, or EBV, delivers entrepreneurship training through a one-year “boot camp” for service-disabled veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan who want to start or grow small businesses. EBV is designed to open the door to business ownership for our veterans. This year, the EBV program is expanding to a total of seven business schools at universities around the country. Find out more at <http://whitman.syr.edu/ebv/>.
- **Women Veterans Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship**, or V-WISE, will be open to women veterans beginning in May 2011. The program consists of a three-day off-site training program, online training, and network support structures. Classes will be held in six cities, starting with San Antonio and Baltimore in 2011. Learn more at <http://whitman.syr.edu/vwise/>.
- Finally, **Operation Endure and Grow** provides online and in-person business counseling, training, and mentoring to small business owners and entrepreneurs serving in the National Guard and Reserve, and for members of their immediate families. You can learn more at <http://whitman.syr.edu/endureandgrow/>.

I have included some materials from Syracuse University, which provide additional information about these three programs. Please share them with veterans and their family members who might want to apply to these programs. We are currently accepting applications, so please encourage potential candidates to apply right away.

If you have any questions, please call the SBA Office of Veterans Business Development at (202) 205-6773. Thank you for your assistance in identifying prospective applicants, and for your tireless efforts on behalf of America's veteran small business owners and entrepreneurs.

Thank you,


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