

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Development Board Chairs
Workforce Development Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: November 21, 2017

Subject: **Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) Program–Funding Opportunity**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce development partners of Funding Opportunity, VBOC-2018-01 through the U.S. Small Business Administration / Office of Veterans Business Development announced November 20, 2017 on www.grants.gov.

Background: The VBOC program assists Veteran small business owners to operate and manage viable small businesses that are competitive and offer employment opportunities to job seekers in their coverage area*. The centers offer business planning assistance, comprehensive concept assessment, mentoring, access to capital, award of government and commercial contracts, and quality entrepreneurial assistance to Veteran, service-disabled Veterans and transitioning service members.

Funding Opportunity Number: VBOC-2018-01
Application Deadline: January 8, 2018
Estimated Total Funding: \$6,000,000
Award Ceiling: \$375,000
Expected Number of Awards: 17-23
Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organization, local or state agencies, private sector firm or institute of higher learning. See FOA for complete details.

* **New England:** VBOC coverage will include Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. VBOC will be required to participate in Boots to Business Training at Naval Sub Base New London, Naval Station Newport, Hanscom AFB and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Action

Requested: Please share with managers, staff and partners as appropriate.