Our Commitment

- Complete confidentiality
- Professional and customized business management consulting, at no charge, to meet the unique needs of your business
- Up-to-date business management training and workshops
- Practical up-to-date information and guidance for “real world” implementation
- Guidance in setting and reaching your business goals
- Research assistance and interpretative analysis

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Veterans Business Support Services

CALIFORNIA SBDC

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Serving Counties of San Luis Obispo, San Benito, Santa Clara (south of Bernal Road), Monterey (east of the Salinas River), Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Kern, Mono and Inyo.

Veterans In Business

University of California Merced Small Business Development Center Regional Network promotes business ownership and expansion for veterans. The Network offers support to the Central California veteran entrepreneurs (active duty, guard and reserves) and service-disabled veterans and their spouses who are considering starting or expanding a business.

The SBDC consultant can assist veterans with their business strategy in preparation for and during deployment.

The following is a summary of the important services the UC Merced SBDC Regional Network offers:

Starting, Expanding and/or Buying a Business

Starting a business can be an exciting venture offering many rewards. However, you need to be prepared and understand the basics of business ownership. SBDC partners with various organizations to provide a series of "Getting Started" workshops, online resources and one-on-one business consulting.

Money

"Where's the money?" SBDC Consultants will work with you to look for financing options and opportunities to help you start your business.

Procurement Opportunities

If you wish to do business with the Federal government, you should register with the following agencies/organizations:

- Central Contractor Registration (CCR)
  www.bpn.gov
- Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA)
  https://orca.bpn.gov/
- VetBiz Vendor Information Pages (VIP)
  www.vip.vetbiz.gov
- Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise
  www.dgs.ca.gov

The SBDC consultant will assist you with the different agencies and corporation's procedure for contracting and placing bids.

Partners

SBDC consultants work with various federal agencies, and allied organizations to help provide information and services for you.

Mentoring Program

The Mentor-Protégé Program is designed to encourage approved Mentors to provide various forms of assistance to eligible protégé Participants. The purpose of the mentor-protégé relationship is to enhance the capabilities of the Proteges; and to improve their ability to successfully compete for federal contracts and/or set up their business.

UNITED STATES VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS

Conferences & Special Events

Together with other organizations, the SBDC hosts annual conferences and special events that focus on helping veterans with business resources to help with their business issues and needs.

Veteran Business Owner Forum & Networking

The Veteran Business Owner Forum & Networking event gives veteran business owners the opportunity to introduce their services and products. Each event features a guest speaker who presents a topic of concern to veteran business owners. Bring business cards, brochures, flyers to exchange.

Mobilization and Your Small Business

If you are a National Guard and/or Reserve Member small business owner and have been called up to active duty, the SBDC can help you decide whether to sustain or suspend your business operation.

Helping Veterans Back to Business

If you are returning from an active tour as part of your reserve obligation, the SBDC can help you find the tools, planning resources and information needed to help re-establish your small business.

Veteran Owned CERTIFIED Business

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