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SBA Hosts Free Training for Veterans at Fairmont State University

FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA — Each year more than 250,000 service members transition out of the armed forces. Statistics show that veterans are 45 percent more likely to be their own boss than their non-veteran counterparts. That is why the U.S. Small Business Administration is dedicated to ensuring veterans have the knowledge and capital they need to become entrepreneurs.

Join Larry Batten, economic development specialist with SBA's West Virginia District Office and a veteran small business owner Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Fairmont State University as he provides training on the following:

- Intro to entrepreneurship;
- Business opportunity recognition;
- Business planning;
- Financing your business;
- And valuable resources available.

“The military has a track record of producing outstanding leaders, explaining why nearly 1 in 10 U.S. entrepreneurs are veterans” states Karen Friel, SBA's West Virginia district director. “Trainings like this help develop their skills, connect them to the right resources, and lead them to be successful entrepreneurs in their communities.”

The event is located at 1201 Locust Avenue in Room 106 of the Turley Center in Fairmont. Register for the free event at www.sba.gov/wv or contact Larry Batten at 304-623-7447 or larry.batten@sba.gov.

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The mission of the SBA is to aid, counsel, assist and promote the interests of small businesses by providing financial, procurement and business development assistance and advocating on their behalf within the government. All SBA programs are extended to the public on a non-discriminatory basis.

Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact: Larry Batten, West Virginia District Office, 320 West Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301 (304) 623-7447, larry.batten@sba.gov.