

## OMB Emergency Submission Approval Request

The Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE), promotes business ownership and expansion for veterans and service-connected disabled veterans to increase participation in the Federal marketplace with emphasis on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Our objective is to help VA reach the statutory procurement goal for all Federal agencies that at least 3% of total prime contract dollars be spent with service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs). A related objective is that VA meets the self-imposed goal to spend at least 7% of prime contract dollars with veteran-owned small business (VOSBs).

CVE has developed a number of services and products to help Federal, state, and commercial contracting officials work more efficiently and effectively with veteran-owned small businesses. The VetBiz Vendor Information Pages (VIP) is a free online database of veteran business owners. VIP has been recognized by the U.S. Office of Federal Procurement Policy and the U.S. Small Business Administration as a primary source for Federal procurement offices and Federal contractors to locate Veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses.

CVE operates under the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, an organizational element of the Office of the Secretary and was founded under Public Law 106-50, August 1999, the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999. The White House and Congress have signed the following into law on December 2006. It is our intent to actively adhere not only to the letter of the law, but to enthusiastically pursue the spirit in which these laws were enacted.

Public Law 109-461, Section 8127 December 22, 2006, the Veterans Benefits, Health Care and Information Technology Act of 2006 states:

*(f) Database of Veteran-Owned Businesses-* (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) through (6), the Secretary shall maintain a database of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and the veteran owners of such business concerns.

*(2) To be eligible for inclusion in the database, such a veteran shall submit to the Secretary such information as the Secretary may require with respect to the small business concern or the veteran.*

*(3) Information maintained in the database shall be submitted on a voluntary basis by such veterans.*

*(4) In maintaining the database, the Secretary shall carry out at least the following two verification functions:*

*(A) Verification that each small business concern listed in the database is owned and controlled by veterans.*

*(B) In the case of a veteran who indicates a service-connected disability, verification of the service-disabled status of such veteran.*