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VetFedCertify by NVSBC provides Fact-Based updates on Veteran small business Certification.

JUST THE FACTS!

FACT #1: Effective 1/1/2023 the SBA will begin a government wide SDVOSB certification program as required by the 2021 NDAA. The new SBA SDVOSB Certification Program replaces the current VA CVE program. The VA's CVE will be abolished effective 12/31/2022.

FACT #2: The VA's Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) stopped accepting applications on 10/24/2022 to allow time to complete all in-process applications prior to 12/31/2022. The SBA SDVOSB Certification Program will begin accepting applications in January 2023.

FACT #3: The new government wide SDVOSB certification program applies to all SDVOSB sole source and set aside awards from all federal agencies (DoD, DHS, HHS, DoE – all agencies). **Federal contracting officers may only award SDVOSB sole source and set-aside contracts to firms that are SDVOSB certified.** There is a 1-year grace period for some self-designated SDVOSB firms.

FACT #4: The new SBA SDVOSB Certification Program will simplify the initial document submission requirements and streamline the review process for most applicants.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

“My Veteran owned small business is VA CVE verified”:

FACT: Your current VA-issued CVE verification will be considered to be a SBA SDVOSB certification through the current CVE expiration date.

FACT: Prior to expiration of your firms' CVE verification, you will apply for recertification through the SBA SDVOSB Certification Program.

“My Veteran owned small business is NOT currently VA CVE verified”:

FACT: To be eligible for SDVOSB sole source and set aside awards your firm must receive certification through the SBA SDVOSB Certification Program.

FACT: There is a 1-year grace period for some currently self-certified firms. Specific guidance on eligibility for this 1-year grace period is forthcoming from the SBA.

“What does self-certification as an SDVOSB really mean and what am I verifying?”

FACT: When you check the SDVOSB box on your SAM registration and subsequently apply for SDVOSB set-aside solicitations and awards you are confirming that your firm meets all SDVOSB requirements stated in 13 CFR 125 or 13 CFR 128.

FACT: These SAM reps & certs require, among other things, that your business is unconditionally owned and controlled by a service-disabled veteran and is a small business under the NAICS code(s) of the solicitation and/or award.