

3rd Annual VETERANS IN BUSINESS Conference

9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Monday, 26 November 2007

University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Auditorium
2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas

- 9:30 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.....Delbert Taylor
- 9:40 Welcome and Introductory Remarks.....Sue Coates
- 9:45 Welcoming Remarks by dignitaries and officials..... Invited
- 10:00 Keynote Address Colonel Josie Fernandez, U. S. Air Force Reserve and U. S. Park Service
- 10:30 Center for Veteran Enterprise, U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs Tyrone Lassiter
- 11:00 Break: refreshments and networking
- 11:30 **Panel of Resource Organizations, presenting services for veterans in business**
- Arkansas Procurement Assistance CenterSue Coates
- University of Texas Pan American, Veterans Business Outreach Center Ms. Alex Brimer
- Little Rock SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives)Jim Sadler
- Small Business Administration Carol Silverstrom and Bill Horne
- Arkansas Small Business Development Centers.....Amber Jackson
- Southern Good Faith Business Development Center Angela Austin
- 1:00 Break: refreshments and networking
- 1:30 Arkansas National Guard Invited
- 314th Contracting Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base..... Invited
- Arkansas Department of Workforce ServicesRex Platt
- Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs Invited
- Presentations by Other Resource Organizations Serving Veterans in Business..... Invited
- Staff liaisons, Veterans Affairs Committees, Arkansas Congressional Delegation Invited
- 3:00 Special Guest Speaker, a service-disabled veteran business owner Invited
- 3:30 Adjourn

Facility information:

The auditorium seats over 100 and is fully equipped with a variety of projection equipment and Internet. Speakers are requested to use the microphones provided. Seating is arranged in curved rows with good visibility, swivel seats at tables on the first three rows and cushioned theatre seats on the five back rows. The auditorium is fully ramped on both sides in addition to steps. There is wheelchair space at the back, front, and sides.

The break room is equipped with a sink, refrigerator and coffeepot. Tables will be arranged around the edges of the double room for panelists' literature and networking with each of the speakers' organizations and other resources. Additional tables will be available for eating. Food and beverages are permitted in this room only, not in the auditorium. Light refreshments will be provided for all breaks.

The lobby area between the auditorium and the break room is spacious, has accessible restrooms, pay phone and drinking fountain, and has two exterior doors. Smoking is permitted only outdoors.

Free parking is in the "Visitors" lot in front of the building, with several blue-zone spaces. The building is accessible; however, the doors are not power-operated.

