



Entities Using 'Vet-Biz' or a Similar Moniker Fact Sheet

Issue:

There are several private sector entities using a name similar or identical to VetBiz.

Discussion:

The Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) provides the Veteran small business community with resources to assist them in applying for Verification. CVE is an office within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and operates within VA's framework. There are a number of private sector organizations that use a similar name. Many of these organizations provide services similar to those of CVE. While these organizations MAY have similar offerings, they are not affiliated with CVE.

VetBiz is a moniker associated with the VA Small Business Program which includes the VA Verification program.

CVE, VetBiz, and other programs associated with the federal government are identifiable by **.gov** in all Email addresses and URLs as opposed to .net, .com, and/or .org. Additionally, all services made available to Veteran-Owned Small Businesses by CVE are provided **at no cost**.

Organizations using a similar moniker may charge fees for their services.

CVE has established a nationwide network of trained Verification Assistance Counselors to assist Veteran-Owned Small Businesses throughout the verification

application process. These counselors are listed on the CVE Web page <http://www.va.gov/verification/assistance> and are available at no cost for Verification Program assistance. If counselors are found to charge a fee while associated with CVE, they are removed from CVE's online listing, no longer receive training and support from CVE, and are asked to refrain from using the CVE logo, verbiage or any subsequent images that would lead the general public to believe they are still affiliated with CVE.

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