

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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Title I Fiscal Officers
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: February 25, 2016

Subject: **Veterans Business Outreach Center Program – Funding Opportunity**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a funding opportunity through the U.S. Small Business Administration, Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) Program.

Background: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is expanding the network of Veterans Business Outreach Centers (VBOC) through cooperative agreement funding to establish up to seven new VBOCs. Focus areas for the development include Georgia, North/Central Texas, Alaska, Colorado, Southern California, Hawaii and New England.

VBOCs are directed by Public Laws 110-186 and 106-50 to participate in transition assistance for service members separating or retiring from U.S. military service and serve as Boots to Business (B2) instructors, follow-on providers and integrators of business assistance.

Grant Notice: [VBOC-2016-02](#)

Eligible Applicants: Federal/State/Local Agencies, Veteran non-profit community organizations, educational institutions and Private businesses

Application Deadline: March 29, 2016

Number of Awards: 8

Total Program Funding: \$1,500,000

Award Ceiling: \$250,000