

Young Entrepreneurs of the Universe (YEU)
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FACT SHEET

Young Entrepreneurs of the Universe (YEU) – Veteran Initiatives started in 2004, as the brainchild of Babette Peyton, to promote and provide new job contract opportunities relating to the new Veteran Benefits Act (VBA) passed by Congress, giving qualified businesses that are 51% service disabled veteran owned small businesses (SDVOSB), three percent (3%) of all contracts from \$300 to \$5 Million dollars in contracts let by the Veterans Administration and up to \$3 Million dollars from all other Federal Agencies and sub-contracts from Federal Primes. YEU Veteran Initiatives is one of 10 Veteran Focused Business Development organizations in the nation focusing on promoting Benefits already entitled to veterans by way of Congress and Presidential Executive Orders and the only known one that promotes workshops and seminars that help both veteran entrepreneurs and job seekers team to win.

As a dual model that highlights Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) and Veteran Owned Small Businesses as Economic Development HEROES in their own Communities, YEU Veteran Initiatives provides timely information on options and opportunities enabling veterans to use the power of the veterans law and prepare their business strategy to team even with non-veterans, to sell products and services the federal government buys; while Creating a Job for themselves first, other veterans (especially including service disabled veteran with TBI, PTSD, Amputees, the blind or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound or those with medical conditions) that can only afford them part-time, seasonal work including homeless veterans, minorities and women. Teaming is winning.

Since 2005 YEU-Veteran Initiatives has convened yearly conferences with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as primary sponsor and included participation by VA, SBA, GSA, DOD, USDA, IRS, HUD, DOT, DOL, DOE, DE, State of Illinois, Cook County and the City of Chicago. In 2009 YEU became a Money Smart Week partner with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Activities have included seminars and other outreach programs inclusive of a television program called - "HONORING VETERANS FIRST – Support, Health, Wealth and HEROES." Since working directly with Veterans, VA starting at JBVAMC, Libraries, and Stand-Downs, YEU Veteran Initiatives has reached over 1000 veterans.

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JESSE BROWN VA MEDICAL CENTER – 2ND FLOOR VISION ROOM A–
820 SOUTH DAMEN, CHICAGO, IL 60612

JUNE 11TH, JULY 9TH AND 23RD, AUGUST 6TH AND 20TH, 2010

Second Annual \$lam Dunk Veteran Job Creation and Small Business
Development Workshop Series FRIDAYS: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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