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US Small Business Administration
Office of Veterans Business Development
Attn: Ms. Barbara Carson
409 3rd St, SW Suite 5700
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Ms. Carson,

My name is Michael Bolduc and I serve as the Board President for the National Disabled Veteran Business Council, Inc., a 501 (c) 19 Veteran Service Organization, nationally recognized by the VA Central Office in Washington D.C. The NDVBC serves as an advocate for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses coupled with providing accountability and oversight for Veteran initiatives nationally.

The purpose of this letter is twofold; first, to bring the egregious behavior of the SBA Miami, FL office to your attention, and secondly, to seek resolution moving forward.

For several months, the NDVBC has designed a productive Veteran Business Conference which would create the opportunity for Veteran Owned Businesses to meet with some of the nation's top corporations. It also would consist of a day to collaborate on best practices, and supplier diversity opportunity, coupled with some of the best business networking available.

The NDVBC's conference committee reached out to our local SBA office in Miami, FL for support. The SBA Miami office provided the NDVBC with its Southeast contact list of which we were told its content was that of large prime government contractors. After sending out the 6,000+ list with an invitation to the Veteran Business Conference, the only responses were, no thanks and take me off the list! After detailed review of the list, it was determined that over a thousand contacts were rejected due to incorrect email addresses. Not only were there no large prime government contractors, the list



contained, schools and State agencies of which had no interest in attending the Veteran Business Conference.

When we presented this information to the SBA Miami office, we were told that a co-sponsorship agreement would have to be signed in order for their office to assist with any outreach efforts. We completed the extensive and onerous co-sponsorship agreement and to date weeks have passed and we have not heard from that Miami office again.

The Veteran Business Conference had to be canceled due to the SBA Miami, FL office renegeing on their support.

From the acrimony and behavior from the SBA Miami, FL office, it is obvious that there was never any interest in assisting the National Disabled Veteran Business Council with this conference.

The resolution:

We are requesting and immediate investigation into this egregious behavior as well as future support from the SBA Washington, D.C. office.

Please advise.

Enthusiastically,

Michael Bolduc
Board President
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