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***USAVETBIZ Meets with the Department of Veterans Services for  
Commonwealth of Virginia***

WASHINGTON, DC, May 8, 2007 – The United States Association of Veterans in Business (USAVETBIZ) was represented this week in Richmond, Virginia by Founding Director and President Richard Ramirez at a meeting with the Department of Veterans Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In what promises to be the start of a great relationship of support and assistance, USAVETBIZ has offered to help assemble a state-wide Task Force of Veterans in business and to assist the Governor's Office in any/all outreach activities involving Veterans in business.

“Recent legislation and anticipated additional laws pertaining to veterans in business is creating awareness for the first time in the Commonwealth concerning opportunity preferences and considerations for Veterans in business,” said Mr. Ramirez, President and founder of USAVETBIZ. “Our advice to every state is to adopt laws and procedures for making all Veterans in business eligible for assistance and special consideration in contracting where possible,” he adds.

Mr. Ramirez is a service-disabled Vietnam Veteran who, among other reasons, created USAVETBIZ to help secure awareness and opportunity for *all* military Veterans—specifically Veteran entrepreneurs—not just those who are service-disabled.

Created by Veterans for Veterans in business and led by an all-Veteran Board of Directors, USAVETBIZ is a non-profit Trade Membership Association. Currently in its founding year, the mission of USAVETBIZ is to enhance the awareness and opportunities of all Veteran entrepreneurs in the public's eye and in state and Federal legislative sectors. More information on USAVETBIZ is available at [www.USAVETBIZ.org](http://www.USAVETBIZ.org).

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