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USAVETBIZ President Speaks at Veterans Contracting Accountability Conference

WASHINGTON, DC, June 14, 2007 – The United States Association of Veterans in Business (USAVETBIZ) Founder and President, Richard Ramirez, spoke before a packed audience and a panel of federal procurement experts at the first federally sponsored Veterans Contracting Accountability Conference. Mr. Ramirez expressed public dismay at the lack of candor concerning the small business subcontracting programs and veterans.

“Nobody has ever enforced the subcontracting provisions of PL 95-507 in the near 30 years it has existed...let alone the 3% subcontracting goal for the inclusion of service-disabled veterans owned small businesses (SDVOSB) in modern time”, said Mr. Ramirez. He regards it as a travesty that any federal official could stand behind the notion that there are real opportunities in subcontracting with the major federal contractors for most veterans in business.

USAVETBIZ strongly supports incentives and rewards for companies that utilize veteran-owned companies in subcontracting. But Mr. Ramirez also points out that even the US Small Business Administration may have come to realize that broad subcontracting programs that are not also laced with equally strong features like “Buy American Act,” may never work. In a global economy major companies are looking to streamline and in-source where possible. And, what outsourcing / subcontracting is done, often will have global competitive reach.

Created by Veterans for Veterans in business and led by an all-Veteran Board of Directors, USAVETBIZ is a non-profit Trade Membership Association. 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.

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