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## **VetBiz Receives \$60,000 Grant from Berges Family Foundation Funds Support Program Expansion for Veteran and Military Affiliated Entrepreneurs**

**St. Louis, MO - VetBiz** has been awarded a \$60,000 Berges Family Foundation grant to support program and service expansion for veteran and military affiliated entrepreneurs.

Funding will be used to impact the St. Louis region in the following ways:

- Increase the number of veteran and military affiliated owned businesses.
- Assist current veteran and military affiliated businesses with expansion.
- Create jobs through these new and expanded businesses.

“The Berges Family Foundation is proud to partner with organizations that focus on the needs of our region’s veterans.” says Kelly Pollock, CEO at Berges Family Foundation. “VetBiz is providing critical career guidance, training, and resources to help our local veterans succeed and we are pleased to support the important work they are doing.”

VetBiz President and Chief Fear Conqueror, Darcella Craven, says “We are very excited to have a new partnership with the Berges Family Foundation. This funding will assist us in impacting communities by building strong veteran and military family-owned businesses.”

This grant will be celebrated with a big check presentation at the VetBiz headquarters (611 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 350, St. Louis, MO 63101) on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Stakeholders, press, and community members are welcome to attend.

**About VetBiz:** VetBiz is a project of The Veterans Advocacy Foundation (VAF), a BBB accredited 501(c)3 nonprofit, that advocates for Veteran small business owners. Since 2004, VetBiz has been transitioning military service members into entrepreneurs, small business owners, and community leaders by providing access to resources, one-on-one counseling, and professional development training. VetBiz is impacting communities by building strong veteran and military family businesses and has counseled over 8,281 military members and their families and trained an additional 13,278 for a total of over 21,500 served. To date, VetBiz has assisted Veteran and Military affiliated clients attain over \$25,000,000 in capital funding.

VetBiz: Building Veteran Businesses.

**About the Berges Family Foundation:** The Berges Family Foundation supports the institutions and organizations that make St. Louis a great place to live, visit, work, and invest. Berges Family Foundation contributions help fund cultural engagement, STEM preparedness, youth empowerment, and support for our heroes and first responders.