

SBA To Launch New “Patriot Express” Loan Initiative For the Military Community

***Will be Available to Veterans, Service-disabled, Active-duty in transition,
Reserve and Guard, Spouses and Related Groups***

WHAT: Mike Ricks, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration Alabama District Office, will announce the launch of a comprehensive initiative that focuses the agency’s full menu of financial, procurement, and technical assistance programs on the military community. The capstone of this initiative is a streamlined loan product based on SBA’s highly successful SBA Express loan program.

The Patriot Express Initiative includes new and enhanced programs and services for veterans and members of the military community wanting to establish or expand small businesses. Eligible military community members include: veterans, service-disabled veterans, active-duty service members participating in the military’s Transition Assistance Program, Reservists and National Guard members, current spouses of any of the above, and the widowed spouse of a service member or veteran who died during service or of a service-connected disability.

WHO: Mike Ricks, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration Alabama District Office.

WHEN: *Wednesday, June 13, 2007, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

WHERE: SBA’s Alabama District Office

801 Tom Martin Drive, Suite 201
Birmingham, AL 35211

NOTE: Interested parties may also access and participate in the press conference via teleconference and internet presentation. The toll free access number is 866-740-1260. The access code is 3045901. In addition to dialing in, remote participants should also log into Readytalk at www.readytalk.com. The internet access code is also 3045901.

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