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Veteran-owned Businesses and Why to Hire a Vet



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Why This Matters

Hiring veterans supports economic growth, community stability, and workforce development.

Veterans bring:

- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Discipline
- ✓ Mission focus





Veteran-owned Businesses in Oklahoma

Veteran-owned businesses contribute significantly to Oklahoma's economy.

- Thousands operating in Oklahoma across all sectors
- Represent billions in revenue and tens of thousands of jobs statewide

By the Numbers



30,000+
VOBs nationwide



Oklahoma Stats (2023)

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5,272
VOBs
statewide

60,245
employees

\$5 billion
in revenue



Economic Impact of Veteran-owned Businesses

How veterans drive growth:

- Innovation and entrepreneurship from military experience
- Strong track record of success and resilience
- Job creation in both urban and rural areas





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Why Hire a Veteran?

Top qualities veterans bring to the workplace:

- Leadership and accountability
- Problem-solving under pressure
- Teamwork and loyalty
- Work ethic and reliability





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Skills That Translate

Military skills = business assets

- **Logistics and operations management**
- **Technical and mechanical expertise**
- **Project planning and execution**
- **Cybersecurity and IT experience**

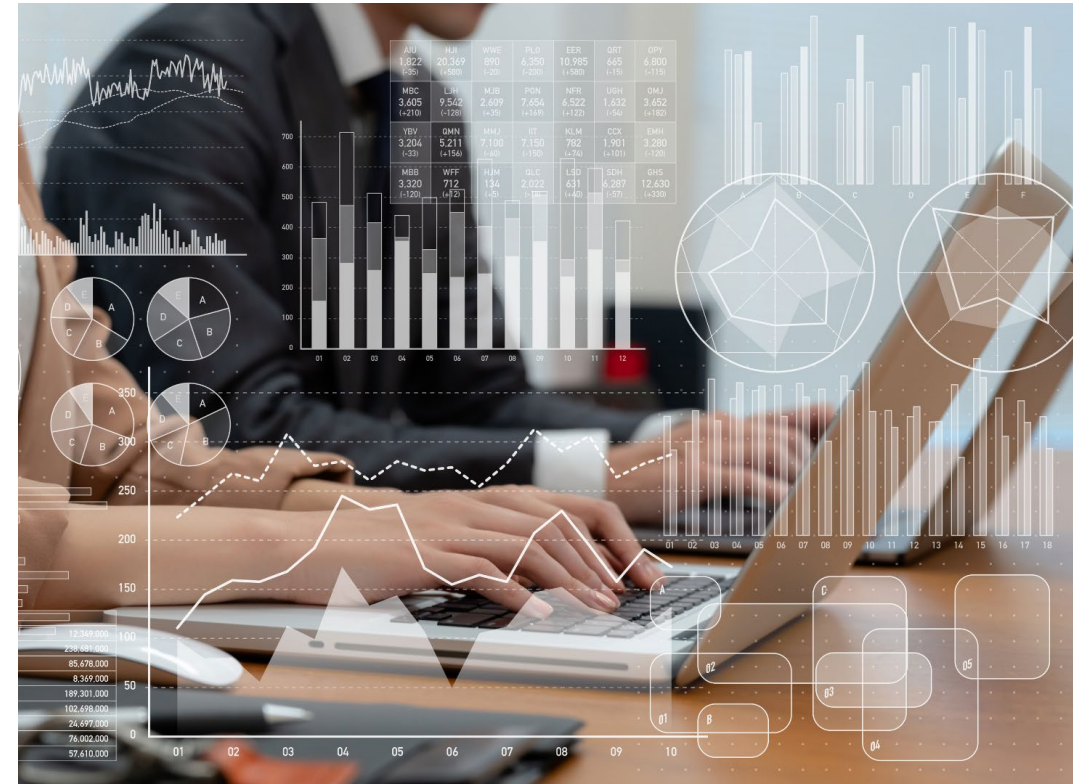


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Case Studies

Success stories in Oklahoma

- Local veteran-owned businesses creating jobs
- Employers praising veteran employees
- Partnerships that make a difference





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ODVA Support for Veterans in Business

What we offer:

- OKVetWorks program for entrepreneurial support
- Networking and resources fairs
- Connections to training, mentorship





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How Employers Can Help

Action steps for employers:

- Actively recruit veteran candidates
- Register as veteran-friendly on job boards
- Partner with ODVA for outreach and events
- Consider procurement from veteran-owned businesses

OKSTEP

OKLAHOMA SPECIFIC TRANSITION EDUCATION PROGRAM





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Join the Mission

Be part of the solution:

- Support Oklahoma veterans in business
- Build a stronger, more resilient workforce
- Help veterans transition successfully to civilian careers



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Let's work together!

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