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USAVETBIZ and Knowledge Institute Join Forces to Support Veterans in Business *Veterans Connect with No-Cost Mentors and Training to Support Entrepreneurial Success*

WASHINGTON, DC | July 28, 2010 - The Board of Directors of the United States Association of Veterans in Business (USAVETBIZ) is pleased to be joining forces with Knowledge Institute to help veterans connect with no-cost entrepreneurial development mentoring and training programs. Through a comprehensive state-based public/private national network called the Business Utility Zone Gateway (BUZGate.org), veterans are discovering and connecting with local people, programs and resources aimed at supporting their self-employment and small business venture success.

"There are growing numbers of new veterans under the age of 30 returning to civilian life with a lot of specialized training," said USAVETBIZ President, Richard Ramirez. "With a depressed job market, it makes sense to leverage these skills by connecting this technology savvy generation to an innovative venture development mentoring and training platform."

Created and hosted by Knowledge Institute, BUZGate.org leverages people, process and technology to create an interactive, educationally focused network of public/private resource providers that offer no-cost sources of assistance with everything from venture startup, to growth, to long-term sustainability. Veterans can learn about and connect with myriad government and public agency sources of financing, marketing, import/export, government contracting and training, as well as utilize on-line business planning tools and interactive educational programs while working in collaboration with a business mentor.

"We are pleased to be expanding outreach and support to Veterans in collaboration with USAVETBIZ," said Dr. William Osgood, President of Knowledge Institute. "The more we can work together to facilitate financial independence through self-employment and small venture creation for our Veterans, the more they will benefit, the more our communities will thrive, and the more the U.S. economy will recover and expand."

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USAVETBIZ is a non-profit membership trade Association dedicated to enhancing awareness of and opportunity for veterans in business in all channels of commerce, public and private. More information about USAVETBIZ is available at www.USAVETBIZ.org.

Knowledge Institute specializes in entrepreneurial education and development serving over 2.5 million entrepreneurial interests per month through online resource and referral communities, interactive educational programs and consulting services. More information about Knowledge Institute is available at www.bdk.com