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U.S. Small Business Administration Announces Resource Partners of the Year—Region X VBOC at Business Impact NW Honored with Veterans Business Outreach Center Excellence in Service Award

Seattle, WA – May 1 – Each year, the [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) kicks off [National Small Business Week \(NSBW\)](#) by announcing Resource Partners of the Year—organizations who have gone above and beyond to provide outstanding counseling and funding opportunities for small business enterprises and entrepreneurs across the United States. As recognition for the immense impact on local economic growth, job creation, and support for the Nation's newest entrepreneurs, Business Impact NW is honored to announce that the [Region X Veterans Business Outreach Center \(VBOC\)](#) has been awarded the 2023 Veteran's Business Outreach Center Excellence in Service Award.

All NSBW winners will be recognized during the National Small Business Week awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., on April 30 and May 1.

The Region X Veterans Business Outreach Center at Business Impact NW empowers active-duty service members, National Guard and Reserve Component members, members of the Coast Guard, transitioning service members, and veterans of all eras; as well as military spouses who are thinking about starting, purchasing or growing a small business. They offer training opportunities, one-on-one coaching, referrals to resource partners, and networking events in Region X, encompassing the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, & Washington.

On the recent win, Region X VBOC Director Seve Watts-Oelrich shared his excitement, saying, "There are over 20 other Veterans Business Outreach Centers nationwide, and all of them do amazing work to support business owners from the military communities in their coverage areas. The Region X VBOC team really put their boots on the ground to perform the counseling, Boots to Business/Reboot and ASPIRE Military Spouse training, as well as providing networking opportunities that helped lead to this award. But, beyond the VBOC team, this is a Business Impact NW award."

Watts-Oelrich says he hopes everyone at Region X VBOC and Business Impact NW feels as proud as he does of this monumental achievement, stating, "Every person in our organization plays a key role in delivering quality training, business advising, and assistance with access to capital for members of our military community as well as other underbanked entrepreneurs. Given all of the dedication everyone devotes to our clients, I truly hope everyone feels as proud as I do to have won this award."

About Business Impact NW

Business Impact NW is a nonprofit dedicated to serving BIPOC, women, Veteran, immigrant, refugee, LGBTQ+, and low-income entrepreneurs in the Pacific Northwest through financial services, business coaching and training.