

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
May 4-5, 2022
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Resolution No. 22: Federal Procurements and Contracts for Veteran-Owned Business
Origin: Veterans Employment & Education Commission
Submitted by: Veterans Employment & Education Commission**

WHEREAS, Small business assistance to all veterans who have honorably served our country is a benefit that dates back to the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion seeks and desires to support legislation to require a five percent goal, with set-aside and sole source authority, for federal procurements and contracts for businesses owned and operated by veterans, including those small businesses owned by reserve component members who have been or may be called to active duty, or may be affected by base closing and reduction in our military forces; and

WHEREAS, Benefits to all veterans have always included assistance in creating and operating veteran-owned small businesses; and

WHEREAS, A small number of service-disabled and veteran-owned businesses are represented in the federal procurement small business area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 2022, That any veteran business development assistance should include funding to assist federal agencies in reaching their 5% veteran procurement goals; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion seek to develop a user-friendly veteran procurement database for use by all federal government agencies; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion support that the federal government and the Department of Defense utilize its available technology to create, fund, and support a veteran procurement-spending database within the Department of Defense that would finally bring veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses on equal footing with all other small business special interest groups when it comes to federal procurement opportunities; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion encourages the Congress of the United States to require a reasonable set-aside of federal procurements and contracts for businesses owned and operated by veterans and for those veteran businesses affected by base closings and reduction in our military forces.