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Doing Business with VA Heart of Texas Health Care System
 Network Contracting Office (NCO) 17

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<http://www.heartoftexas.va.gov/Contracting/nco17.asp>

- Amarillo VA Health Care System (Amarillo, TX)
<http://www.amarillo.va.gov/>
- Central Texas Veterans Health Care System (Temple, TX)
<http://www.centraltexas.va.gov/>
- El Paso VA Health Care System (El Paso, TX)
<http://www.elpaso.va.gov/>
- South Texas Veterans Health Care System (San Antonio, TX)
<http://www.southtexas.va.gov/>
- VA North Texas Health Care System (Dallas, TX)
<http://www.northtexas.va.gov/index.asp>
- VA Texas Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System (Harlingen, TX)
<http://www.texasvalley.va.gov/>
- West Texas VA Health Care System (Big Spring, TX)
<http://www.bigspring.va.gov/>

Attention – Veteran-Owned Businesses:

Register for Vets First contract opportunities, <https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov/Public/Register/Register.aspx>
 Apply for VA's Mentor-Protégé Program, <http://www.va.gov/OSDBU/>

What & How VA Buys: Rule of Two Applies to SDVOSB/VOSB's

Information Technology (hardware, software, telecom, services)

NASA SEWP, www.nasa.sewp.gov is one source for facilities ordering IT and telecom, followed by other GWACs (such as GSA schedules and STARS) with a preference for SDVOSB and VOSBs.

Medical Supplies, Services & Equipment (including dental) –

Facilities use VA National Acquisition Center contracts for Commodities in PSC Codes 65 and Apply for a contract <http://www.va.gov/oal/business/fss/schedules.asp>.

Office Supplies (including paper and toner)

GSA Third Generation FSSI Office supplies www.gsa.gov/os3

Commodities and Services on GSA Federal Supply Schedules

Products, services, and solutions are competed amongst GSA vendors already under contract, with preference given to SDVSOB/VOSB. Procurements are announced on e-Buy: <https://www.ebuy.gsa.gov>
 Apply for a GSA schedule contract: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/198473>.
 GSA Veteran-Owned business assistance: www.gsa.gov/service-disabled, 855-672-8472

Identifying Government contract opportunities:

Federal Business Opportunities - www.fedbizopps.gov

VA's Forecast of Future Business Opportunities – Projected procurements only.. There is no guarantee a solicitation will be issued. <https://www.vendorportal.ecms.va.gov/eVP/fco/FCO.aspx> .

GSA e-buy: <https://www.ebuy.gsa.gov>

VA Central Office: <http://www.va.gov/oal/business/dbwva.asp>

Veteran Canteen Service <http://www.vacanteen.va.gov/DoingBusinessWithVCS.php>

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1. In coordination with SBA, local colleges and universities provide **Small Business Development Centers** to help businesses start and grow.
 - a. North Texas Small Business Development Center
214-860-5831 || contact@ntsbdc.org || www.ntsbdc.org
 - b. Southwest Texas Border Business Development Center
210-458-2450 || <http://txsbdc.org/>
 - c. Central Texas Small Business Development Center
254-299-8141 || sbdc@mclennan.edu || www.mccsbdc.com
2. Texas Office of **Veteran Business Outreach Center** (VBOC) assists businesses with concept Assessments, Business Plan Preparation, Feasibility Analysis, training, counseling, mentorship, and more.
Carlos Gutierrez || 956-665-8931 || vboc@panam.edu || http://portal.utpa.edu/utpa_main/ce_home/bdi_home/vboc_2012_home
3. **Patriot Loans** are managed by the SBA: <http://www.sba.gov/content/express-programs>
4. **Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs)** Classes, counseling, bid opportunities, and many other resources to assist small business successfully compete for government contracts.
 - a. San Antonio PTAC
210 458-2458 || <http://www.ptac.txsbdc.org/contracting/contractor-services>
 - b. Rio South Texas PTAC (Edinburg, TX)
956-665-8931 || <http://www.utpa.edu/ptac>
 - c. UTA Cross Timbers PTAC (Dallas/Ft. Worth)
214-557-7772 || <http://arri.uta.edu/crosstimbers>
 - d. Nationwide search for nearest PTAC: <http://www.aptac-us.org/new/>
5. **Texas Veterans Commission Entrepreneurship Program**
Duncan McGhee || 512-936-6677 || <http://www.tvc.state.tx.us/Entrepreneur-Program.aspx>

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