



**iON INFORMATICS, LLC RECEIVES
VETERAN INSTITUTE FOR PROCUREMENT START CERTIFICATION**

Networking and Small Business Education for the Veteran Community

iON Informatics, LLC, a newly established Idaho-based limited liability company based in Eagle, recently completed the Veteran Institute Procurement (VIP) START Program, a comprehensive training and certification program designed for veteran owned businesses that want to enter or expand their business growth into the federal marketplace through best business practices.

On April 7, 2016, iON Informatics was one of 48 businesses from 14 states and the District of Columbia to graduate from the Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP) START Program.

"The VIP program is an amazing resource for veteran business owners, and ultimately, the federal government. Companies that participate in VIP gain valuable training pertaining to all aspects of federal government contracting, thereby ensuring we have more qualified veteran-owned businesses competing for contract opportunities. Without the vision and leadership of the Montgomery County Chamber Community Foundation in launching this vital program, many veteran small business owners would struggle with trying to figure out the complicated contracting landscape. Now, we are armed not only resources we can put to work immediately, but also a nationwide network of VIP graduates and faculty members who are ready to continue their mentorship and assistance," said Dr. Caterina Lasome, President and CEO of iON Informatics, LLC.

The first program of its kind in the nation, VIP START is conducted by professional subject-matter specialists in the essentials necessary to win government contracts: law, accounting, insurance, human resources, marketing and proposals. The curriculum is designed to help companies accelerate the rate at becoming procurement ready. The program also provides participants with access to Federal and prime contracting executives along with a national network of veteran-owned small businesses that they can team with on opportunities or serve as mentors.

"We are honored to give back to the men and women who served our country by providing them with the tools necessary to succeed as government contractors." said Barbara Ashe, President of the Montgomery County Chamber Community Foundation. "We hope this training fosters their success as businesses and employers."

VIP START is a three-day, 27-hour comprehensive certification program. Participants must be a C-level executive in a Veteran-owned small business operating for at least 1 year with one year

of revenue generation; must be a W-2 in their company, or full time employee, and spend 100% of their time in their business; and a small business. With volunteer instructors and at no cost to participants, VIP START is fully funded by the Montgomery County Chamber Community Foundation, partners, and VIP sponsors.

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