



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **Free Workshops Planned for Veteran-Owned Businesses to Participate in ARRA Opportunities**

**Harrisburg** – The Department of General Services and the Veterans Business Advocates Committee will hold free workshops to assist veteran-owned businesses in identifying business opportunities under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or ARRA.

The workshops will be held in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and Erie at the following locations:

- Harrisburg, Friday, Feb. 19, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at the Forum Building Auditorium, Commonwealth Avenue & Walnut Street;
- Pittsburgh, Thursday, Feb. 25, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at Robert Morris University, 600 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Lecture Hall;
- Erie, Friday, Feb. 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at Gannon University, Waldron Campus Center, Yehl Ballroom, 124 West 7<sup>th</sup> St.

The workshops will provide an overview of ARRA, discuss available business opportunities, outline resources to assist small business, and provide an opportunity to network with state agency personnel and other veteran-owned businesses. They will also include panel discussions on small business resources.

Personnel will be available to provide direction on the ARRA Veteran-owned Business Enterprise certification process as well as general information on doing business with the commonwealth.

To register or for more information, visit [www.recovery.state.pa.us](http://www.recovery.state.pa.us), or contact DGS at (717) 783-3119.

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