

Elaine Taylor to Unveil the Future of Veteran Business Growth at the 2026 NVBDC National Conference: Mission: POSSIBLE

Executive Director to Introduce NVBDC's Expanded Vision for Helping Veteran-Owned Businesses Grow Beyond Certification

TROY, MI, UNITED STATES, July 28, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC) today announced that Elaine M. Taylor, Executive Director, will unveil the organization's strategic vision for the future of veteran business development during the [2026 NVBDC National Conference: Mission: POSSIBLE, Powered by NVBDC 3.0](#), taking place October 4–6, 2026, at MotorCity Casino Hotel in Detroit, Michigan.

Recognized as America's Premier Veteran Business Matchmaking Conference & Marketplace, the annual conference will bring together veteran-owned businesses, Fortune 500 corporations, procurement professionals, government agencies, and strategic partners from across the country for three days of education, networking, business development, and relationship building.

Taylor's presentation, "Mission: POSSIBLE – The Future Vision of NVBDC 3.0," will introduce the next phase of the organization's evolution, expanding its focus beyond certification to provide veteran-owned businesses with the resources, education, supplier readiness, and strategic connections needed to compete and succeed in today's marketplace.

"As the nation's original third-party authority for the certification of veteran-owned businesses, certification will always remain at the core of what we do," said Elaine M. Taylor, Executive Director of NVBDC. "[However, certification is no longer the finish line](#)—it's the starting point. Through NVBDC 3.0, we are committed to helping veteran-owned businesses transform



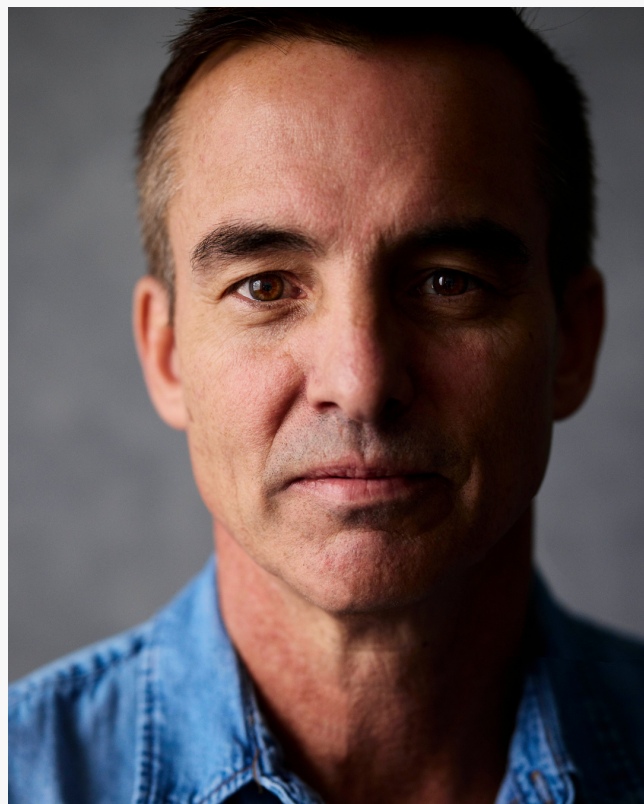
Elaine Taylor, NVBDC Executive Director

certification into business growth by providing greater access to education, corporate engagement, supplier readiness, and meaningful opportunities that lead to long-term success."

The 2026 NVBDC National Conference: Mission: POSSIBLE, Powered by NVBDC 3.0 represents the public launch of this expanded vision.

During her presentation, Taylor will outline several strategic initiatives designed to strengthen veteran-owned businesses, including:

- Expanded supplier readiness programs
- Executive education and leadership development
- Artificial intelligence and digital transformation strategies
- Corporate engagement and procurement readiness
- International trade and global business opportunities
- Strategic partnerships that support measurable business growth
- Enhanced networking and relationship-building opportunities



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*Elaine Taylor, NVBDC
Executive Director*

The conference theme, Mission: POSSIBLE, reflects NVBDC's belief that every veteran-owned business has the potential to achieve extraordinary success when equipped with the right preparation, partnerships, and purpose.

Following Taylor's presentation, attendees will participate in a comprehensive conference program featuring one-on-one business matchmaking, educational breakout sessions, supplier readiness workshops, corporate procurement panels, artificial intelligence business training, access-to-capital discussions, international

business programming, executive networking events, and the Veteran Marketplace.

"Veterans have already demonstrated their ability to lead under pressure, solve complex challenges, and accomplish difficult missions," Taylor added. "Our responsibility is to ensure they have the business tools, industry knowledge, and corporate relationships needed to bring those same strengths into today's competitive marketplace. Mission: POSSIBLE is more than this year's

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In addition to Taylor's presentation, the conference will feature keynote speaker Keni Thomas, retired U.S. Army Ranger, Black Hawk Down veteran, bestselling author, and internationally recognized leadership speaker. His message of servant leadership, teamwork, and resilience reinforces the values at the heart of Mission: POSSIBLE, Powered by NVBDC 3.0.

With programming focused on supplier readiness, procurement, artificial intelligence, leadership, innovation, and strategic growth, the conference is designed to help veteran-owned businesses strengthen their competitive position and build lasting relationships with corporate America. Registration is now open for the 2026 NVBDC National Conference: Mission: POSSIBLE, Powered by NVBDC 3.0.

Veteran-owned businesses, corporate procurement professionals, government agencies, supplier diversity leaders, and strategic partners are encouraged to join NVBDC in Detroit as the organization launches its next chapter and continues its mission of creating opportunities for America's veteran entrepreneurs.

For conference information, sponsorship opportunities, and registration, [visit www.nvbdc.org/events](http://www.nvbdc.org/events).

About Elaine M. Taylor

Elaine M. Taylor serves as Executive Director of the National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC), where she leads the organization's strategic vision to expand opportunities for veteran-owned businesses through certification, supplier readiness, corporate engagement, education, and business development. Under her leadership, NVBDC 3.0 is advancing the organization's mission to help veteran entrepreneurs compete, grow, and succeed in an increasingly dynamic global economy.

About the National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC)

The National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC) is the nation's original third-party authority for the certification of veteran-owned businesses of all sizes. Through its nationally recognized certification program, supplier readiness initiatives, educational programming, strategic partnerships, and corporate engagement, NVBDC connects certified veteran-owned businesses with corporations seeking high-performing suppliers. Through NVBDC 3.0, NVBDC is redefining veteran business development by creating pathways to long-term growth, innovation, and lasting success.

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