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## **VIC and Mi Casa Resource Center Teach Biz Basics to Budding Entrepreneurs** *Free Training Available for Veterans and Civilians*

**Denver, Colo.** – The Veterans Incubator of Colorado (VIC) and Mi Casa Resource Center are accepting applications for a free 5-week Business Creation and Planning course that begins on Nov. 12. The class is designed to help military veterans and individuals served by Mi Casa get a jump start on their business idea.

“Many people dream of running their own business but may not know how to get the idea off the ground and make it successful,” said Paul Gregory, a Navy veteran who co-founded VIC. “We will walk students through the critical first steps they need.”

The class includes templates and materials to help students execute a business plan, hands-on business planning exercises, one-on-one time with business mentors, and motivational speakers.

“Small business ownership offers a promising pathway to economic success provided entrepreneurs are supported with high-quality training and counseling services,” said Christine Marquez-Hudson, CEO/Executive Director of Mi Casa. “With their unique experience, insight and initiative, veterans are particularly well-poised for business success. We welcome this opportunity to support veteran-owned businesses to launch, grow and contribute to the economic vibrancy of our communities.”

Mi Casa offers several business education programs to help small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs be successful. VIC’s mission is to help military veterans launch and run their own business. The two organizations officially partnered in October with the intent of delivering enriching programs that prepare emerging small business owners to operate a business.

“We are very pleased to partner with Mi Casa in our joint efforts to help budding but underserved entrepreneurs succeed,” said Gregory.

The class, which is sponsored by Centennial Lending, takes place Tuesdays and Saturdays from Nov. 12 to Dec. 19. It will be held at Mi Casa, 360 Acoma St. in Denver. Individuals can register at <http://www.micasaresourcecenter.org/events/business-creating-planning-for-veterans/>.

**About Veterans Incubator of Colorado:** The Veterans Incubator of Colorado is a non-profit project of the Colorado Non-Profit Development Center (CNDC). VIC’s mission is to improve the business environment and probability of success for each military veteran starting and operating their own company. VIC provides veterans with business-building fundamentals. Their resources, such as training boot camps and mentor matching, assist veterans in achieving their business ownership dreams.

**About Mi Casa Resource Center:** Mi Casa is among the oldest and largest Latino-serving nonprofit organizations in Colorado and works to advance the economic success of Latino and working families by expanding opportunities for educational, professional and entrepreneurial advancement. Learn more at [www.MiCasaResourceCenter.org](http://www.MiCasaResourceCenter.org)

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