

Monthly Meeting Invitation

Presenter: Danielle Davis,
State of Maryland's first Veteran-Owned Small Business
Enterprise (VSBE) Manager, Governor's
Office
Small, Minority and Women Business
Affairs



Topic: Preparing for Your Next Career

Meeting Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025

Meeting Location: Mission Barbeque
3410 Plum Tree Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Meeting Time: 11:30am to 1:00pm

RSVP to our website by Feb 19, 2025:

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ZOOM link

Interested in starting or expanding your small business in Maryland in the contracting arena? Join us to hear from the coordinating office within the Executive Department, the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs. It connects the small business community to greater economic opportunities while implementing and monitoring small, minority, women, and veteran preference procurement programs across 70+ state agencies and departments. Small, minority, women and veteran small businesses if interested must become certified which opens many opportunities to events, advocacy and small business training on how to become successful in Maryland's contracting arena.

Biography

Since taking on this role in November 2021, Ms. Danielle Davis has tripled the states' certified veteran-owned small business database, digitalized the VSBE certification process, and hosted many trainings and conferences on how to be successful in the state contracting arena. She is responsible for increasing Maryland's State procurement statewide goal from 1% to 3% legislatively to certified veteran-owned small business enterprises in 2024 which will result in millions of dollars in opportunities for certified veteran-owned firms within the VSBE Program. Known as the VSBE Queen in Maryland, Danielle continues to be an advocate for veteran-owned small businesses in state government and moving the needle for legislation to be more inclusive for certified VSBEs

With her father and grandfather both U.S. Army veterans, she has a passion to build a community of resources and opportunities for veteran small business owners across the entire State of Maryland and surrounding areas. Danielle is a byproduct of the Army, by being born in Anchorage, Alaska due to her dad being stationed there and grew up the rest of her life in St. Mary's County, Maryland.