

## SCOTT F. DENNISTON

### NATIONAL VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS COLATION

Scott Denniston is the Executive Director of the National Veteran Small Business Coalition (NVSBC). The NVSBC is the nation's largest non-profit business organization representing veteran and service disabled veteran owned small businesses in the federal marketplace as prime and subcontractors. As such NVSBC works with all agencies and large business prime contractors to promote opportunities for veteran and service disabled veteran owned small businesses. NVSBC also provides training, education, networking, and match-making opportunities as well as a monthly newsletter for members.

Mr. Denniston is also President and Chief Executive Officer of the Scott Group of Virginia, LLC. Scott Group provides strategic business development services to small businesses in the federal marketplace. Scott Group also facilitates partnerships and alliances between large and small businesses to compete for federal contract opportunities as well as assist large businesses to establish world class subcontracting programs and identify potential small business subcontractors and partners.

Previously, Mr Denniston was the Director, Office of Small Business Programs and established the Center for Veterans Enterprise at the Department of Veterans Affairs. During his tenure VA was a leader in awards to all categories of small businesses consistently spending over \$3 billion with small business. During his tenure, VA was consistently graded "green" by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the U.S. House of Representatives Small Business Committee. Scott began his government career with the Customs Service. He also held numerous management positions with the U. S. Small Business Administration. He is also past chair of the Small Business Committee of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA).

Mr Denniston has received numerous nationally recognized awards including in 2005 the "Fed 100 Award for developing the VETBIZ website, in 2008 the "Leadership Award from AFFIRM for his work on VETS GWAC. In 2008 he received the Leadership Award" from the Parren J. Mitchell Foundation for his years of support to the minority small business community. Also in 2008, he received the "Patriot Award" from the American Freedom Foundation for his efforts on behalf of veterans.

Mr Denniston is a nationally recognized advocate for veteran entrepreneurs. In 1998 he was appointed to the Congressional Commission on Service Members and Veterans Transition Assistance, where he developed recommendations for enhancing and expanding support for veteran small business owners. Many of those recommendations were incorporated into Public Law 106-50 the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Act of 1999 and Public Law 108-183, the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003.

He was born in Somerville, NJ. He received a B.A. degree in Economics from Waynesburg College and a M.S. degree in Government from Southern Illinois University. He is also a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army.