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**NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES
COALITION LAUNCH GOVCON ACADEMY**

Organizations provide education and resources for Veterans interested in government contracting

Washington, D.C., July 19, 2017 -- The Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA), the foremost organization for non-commissioned officers in all branches of the military, and the Government Technology & Services Coalition (GTSC), the premier non-profit organization for companies in homeland and national security have launched GovCon Academy, a series of online and in-person courses on government contracting for transitioning Veterans.

"NCOA has been hosting Career Expos for our military for over 44 years and we have recently added the GovCon Academy to provide even more resources and opportunities for transitioning military. We launched the Academy at our Job Fair at Nellis Airforce Base during NCOA's Annual Conference and Business Meeting last week and we are extremely excited about the potential for our members to have such exceptional resources available to them," said Jon Ostrowski, Executive Director, NCOA. "I'm sure there are a lot of Vets who would like to help their Commands improve technologies for the field or innovate solutions to existing challenges."

Courses range from "Is Government Contracting Right for You" to Ethics training, to Business Development, and Cyber Security. CEO of GTSC Kristina Tanasichuk will Chair the Academy and a number of Strategic Advisors from GTSC have joined the faculty, including: Earl Holland, CEO, Growth Strategy Consultants; Amy McDougal, CEO, CleaResources; and Jackie Santisteban, President, JBS Consulting. Devon Hewitt, CEO, Protorae Law will join as faculty for understanding the legal maze of contracting. The courses will provide a combination of in-person training as well as webinars and other web-based resources.

"We believe that Veterans are some of the best candidates to create mission driven contracting firms that understand government requirements and needs, and are committed to solving problems with true innovation," said Kristina Tanasichuk, CEO of GTSC at the announcement. The Government Technology & Services Coalition represents nearly 140 companies that work in homeland and national security across the Departments of Homeland Security, Defense, Justice, State, Treasury and the Intelligence Community.

The NCOA was established in 1960 to enhance and maintain the quality of life for noncommissioned and petty officers in all branches of the Armed Forces, Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves, Veterans (separated and retired), widows, and their families. NCOA is currently a leader in Veterans and Spouse

Employment, a strong voice on Capitol Hill and in the Veterans Administration. The NCOA will be hosting 25 Career Expos across the continental U.S. and Europe in 2017. The goal of the Career Expo program is to connect America's heroes and their dependents with profitable, meaningful employment.

For more information on NCOA's GovCon Academy, go to <http://ncoausa.org/career-center/> and for more information on GTSC, go to www.gtscoalition.com.

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ABOUT GTSC

The Government Technology & Services Coalition (GTSC) is a nonprofit, non-partisan 501(c)(6) association of companies that work with government partners to achieve mission. Our vision is to provide an ethical, effective platform to leverage the private sector to bring the best homeland and national security ideas, technologies and innovations to the mission of securing our nation. GTSC's mission is to provide exceptional advocacy, capacity building, partnership opportunities and marketing in the Federal security space for small and mid-sized companies and to support and assist our government partners achieve their critical missions with the highest integrity; best and most innovative technologies; and results-based, quality products and services to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from any terrorist attack or natural disaster. For more information on these mentors and the Government Technology & Services Coalition, please visit www.GTSCoalition.com or learn about our mid-tier initiative at www.GTSCMidTierSolution.com.

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The Non Commissioned Officers Association is the premier organization representing the enlisted of our military since 1960, founded to enhance and maintain the quality of life for noncommissioned and petty officers. The voice of the Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves, Veterans (separated and retired), widows, and their families, NCOA leads efforts on Veterans and Spouse Employment, Capitol Hill, and at the Veterans Administration on behalf of our nearly 60,000 members. Learn more at www.NCOAUSA.org or www.ncoacareerexpos.org.