Self-Employment Process Flow Chart

Application → Evaluation & Planning Determinations → Vocational Exploration To Determine Suitable Vocational Goal → Is this Self-Employment? (Preliminary Evaluation Checklist)

* Determine if the Veteran Owns an Existing Business → Develop IWRP

Obj #1: Mandatory Training to Determine the Veteran’s Aptitude For Self-Employment (Example: Startup Bench 1.0)
Note: This objective would be in an IEEP if Category I is suspected.

Obj #2: Training/Certifications Needed to Achieve Vocational Goal

Obj #3: Feasibility Study of Business Concept—Mandatory Referral to Business Consultant

Obj #4: Mandatory Referral to Business Consultant to Help Develop Business Plan once Feasibility Study of the Business Concept Approved

Category Assignment

Category I
- Mandatory Central Office (CO) Approval
- CO Approval is not Mandatory

Category II
- Mandatory Extended Evaluation Prior to Starting Self-Employment Process or Category I Assignment
- Veterans Who Request Assistance to Start a Business During the Rehab Process and Do Not Meet Category I Criteria

Develop IWRP/IEAP Self-Employment Plan

Obtain Concurrence and Appropriate Cost Approvals

A Self-Employment Case Should be Rehabilitated When Planned Services Are Completed, the Business is Operational and the Veteran is Successfully Adjusted to the Vocational Goal After a Minimum of One Year in Operation. A Final Site Visit is Required.

* See Appendix BH, Existing Business Process Flow Chart