

First N.M. vet receives Patriot Express business loan *continued from page 1*

Albuquerque office attended by the SBA staff, Roy Brady of First Community Bank, and Cabinet Secretary John M. Garcia, New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services and President, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs. Mr. Craft was introduced to the SBA Patriot Express Loan Initiative by the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services.

Crystal Clear Maintenance offers full-service cleaning and maintenance for business offices, medical buildings, manufacturing facilities, retail stores, schools and private homes. Douglas R. Craft is a second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He also played over 10 years of professional football, two years with the N.F.L. Seattle Seahawks and eight years with the C.F.L. Baltimore Stallions.

Mr. Craft stated "I experienced an efficient and timely process in getting my loan approved. First Community Bank was there to guide me through the steps of this loan product, and the loan is meeting my business needs."

SBA District Director Woosley stated, "This is a brand new initiative that reaches out to veterans and members of the military community. The program features SBA's fastest turnaround time for loan approvals. We anticipate being able to offer this

important financial product together with the participating lending community to existing New Mexico entrepreneurs to meet their needs for expansion, equipment purchase, working capital, inventory or business-occupied real-estate purchases, etc., as well as to individuals wanting to establish their own businesses."

Secretary Garcia said, "The short duration between the introduction of the SBA Patriot Express Loan initiative and the closing of this loan for Mr. Craft speaks to the close working relationship between the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services and the SBA. This is the way state and federal government agencies need to be working together to serve our veterans."

For more information on the Patriot Express Initiative or to request a list of lenders approved to administer these loans, contact the SBA New Mexico District Office at 505/248-8225 or visit the SBA website at <http://www.sba.gov/patriot-express>.

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