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**1 DEGREE COLLABORATION PREPARES FOR GRAND OPENING**

Lawton, OK (Insert date)- 1 Degree Collaboration, a Lawton, Oklahoma based Small Business Incubator Partnership, is preparing to celebrate their grand opening next month.

Founder and CEO, Meegan Kriley-Mackay is passionate about assisting veterans and veteran military spouses. As a military spouse herself, she has a unique understanding of the challenges our heroes face when transitioning from the military to civilian life as business owners. Kriley-Mackay saw a need in the Lawton community to build a collaborative resource to help these “vetrepreneurs” build their dreams and grow their ideas into successful businesses.

1 Degree Collaboration is located at 1001-1011 SW B Avenue in Lawton, Oklahoma. Renovations on the building began in March, when the building was purchased amidst the COVID Crisis, and within a matter of months, all office spaces within the building were occupied. The 9550 square foot building is composed of 12 office spaces, some which are small offices designed specifically for start-up businesses and three classrooms for community and small business use. The business partners located within the building include Barbara Clark Realty, High Tech Office Systems, LightAlive Marketing, Winter Photography & Design, Triune Light LLC, Veterans Solutions 4 Life, Coffee with Kathy, WorkLifeWork, Skills for L.I.F.E. Foundation, and Artes pro Vita Academy.

“We are so excited to fill the building with these incredible businesses so quickly,” stated Kriley-Mackay. “Each business has a unique ability to collaborate with one another and assist other professionals and businesses in our community, empowering us all to grow.”

The grand opening will be a Red Ribbon Cutting and Open House, for all community members and will take place on October 22, 2020 at 5pm.

**About 1 Degree Collaboration**

1 Degree Collaboration is a Lawton, Oklahoma based Small Business Incubator Partnership which caters to Vetrepreneurs and other startup businesses. The goal of the collaboration is to help individuals and businesses with their business needs from business planning to marketing, sales to operations, through knowledge, tools, resources, and networks. Learn more at 1degreecollab.com/.

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