VETERANS EMPLOYMENT CENTER Fact Sheet

The Veterans Employment Center (VEC) is the Federal government's single authoritative internet source for connecting transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families to meaningful career opportunities. The VEC is the first government-wide product that brings together a reputable cadre of public and private employers with real job opportunities, and provides transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families with the tools to translate their military skills into plain language and build a profile that can be shared – in real time – with employers who have made a public commitment to hire Veterans.

In connection with the First Lady and Dr. Biden's Joining Forces initiative, the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Labor, Defense and Education, the Small Business Administration and the Office of Personnel Management, collaborated to design and develop the VEC to incorporate the best features of existing online employment tools. The VEC can be found at www.ebenefits.va.gov/jobs. These videos provide a short tour of the Veterans Employment Center and include some tips about how to get started: Job Seekers: http://bit.ly/VECJobSeeker and for Employers: http://bit.ly/VECEmployer

Employer Resources:

- <u>Veterans Job Bank (VJB)</u>: Easily post job opportunities that will be visible to and searchable by job seekers. The VJB links directly to the employer's job listing, so any updates to an employer's website are automatic and applicants are routed directly to your applicant tracking system.
- <u>Search Profiles:</u> The VEC provides employers with access to a vault of verified career profiles from transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families. Employers can search these profiles by keyword and/or geographic location to find the right fit for your organization.
- <u>Hiring Commitment:</u> Launch your public relations campaign to hire Veterans by making a public hiring commitment on the VEC! You even have the option to state the number of Veterans you intend to hire and update your status in achieving your goal.
- Other Resources: The VEC provides informational resources designed to help you recruit and retain talented transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families, such as the new DoD SkillBridge pilot program to promote civilian job training for transitioning Servicemembers.

Job Seeker Resources:

- <u>Military Skills Translator:</u> Translate military occupational codes into their civilian skill equivalents and learn about related civilian career paths.
- <u>Profile Builder:</u> Seamlessly import results from the skills translator into an online profile that users can download or publish to employers on the VEC. Publishing your profile on the VEC instantly connects users to thousands of employers looking to hire Veterans.
- <u>Veterans Job Bank (VJB):</u> The VJB allows users to search over 1.7 million jobs from the private sector and includes jobs in federal, state and local governments.
- <u>Employer Commitments</u>: View a list of hundreds of employers and organizations that have made a commitment to hire or train individuals like you, and then link directly to their site to get more information, start the conversation and apply for jobs.
- Other Resources: The VEC provides informational resources designed to help you find take advantage
 of special government and partner programs, such as the new Department of Defense SkillBridge pilot
 program to promote civilian job training for transitioning Servicemembers.

New Strategic Partnerships:

- **LinkedIn** provides the ability to import your LinkedIn profile directly into the VEC and is providing free services and tools, such as training materials and access to a one-year free Job Seeker Subscription.
- Coursera, an online educational platform, is offering one free certificate in over hundreds of in-demand courses. Additionally, Coursera and VA are teaming up to open twenty learning hubs across the country.