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VETERANS BUSINESS INITIATIVE MATCHES VETS TO JOBS

Orlando, FL – CareerSource Central Florida will help match veterans with more than 100 jobs during the Central Florida Disability Chamber of Commerce Veterans Business Initiative.

CareerSource Central Florida is partnering with the Central Florida Disability Chamber of Commerce, Florida Hospital and Manpower to sponsor the eight-week program, which will provide job training, computer and financial education, networking opportunities and a job matching program for veterans.

Veterans will attend three-hour workshops twice a week, from May 1 to June 27, to help them transition from unemployment to full-time jobs. Participants can choose which sessions to attend but must be present at one session each week. There is no charge for the program, which is funded by Florida Hospital and Manpower.

“Because of their experiences in the service, veterans are aware of international and technical trends pertinent to business and industry,” said Rogue Gallart, president of the Central Florida Disability Chamber of Commerce. “This program will set a road map of success by connecting our veterans directly with jobs, continuing education and entrepreneurial training.”

Participating sponsors will hold workshops such as Lockheed Martin’s “Mock Interviews,” where the company’s managers will practice one-on-one interviews with veterans and critique their skills. Florida Hospital will hold site tours at the hospital designed to meet the veterans’ job interests. And SCORE will hold a session on starting your own business.

Joseph Patton, veterans’ program manager for CareerSource Central Florida, said they plan to find jobs for all 30 participants who complete the program.

“This is not just another veterans’ jobs program but an opportunity for our region’s vets to enhance their job skills and learn the latest technology to become more competitive in today’s aggressive job market,” said Patton.

Lisa Hancock, executive vice president of Manpower, said her company will match qualified vets to more than 100 local job openings that range from construction to engineering.

“We have more than 100 jobs ready to fill,” said Hancock, who added that 40 percent of the temporary employees Manpower links to companies are hired by their employers. “This is an opportunity for applicants to try a job and see how it fits.”

For more information on the Central Florida Disability Chamber of Commerce Veterans Business Initiative, go to: cfdisabilitychamber.org.

CareerSource Central Florida offers tools to find jobs and advance careers for residents of Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter counties. On average, CareerSource Central Florida provides nearly 8,800 job seekers each month with services such as an online job bank, career counseling, recruitment events, training, financial aid, career assessments and internships. CareerSource Central Florida also assists an average of 1,300 employers each month with recruitment, retention and training. For more information, visit www.CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com.

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