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CFDC VETERANS BUSINESS INITIATIVE MATCHES VETS TO JOBS

Orlando, FL – CareerSource Central Florida is once again partnering with the Central Florida Disability Chamber of Commerce to present the 2015 Veterans Business Initiative (VBI). This no-cost, 8-week program will run from August through October and features one session per week for Veterans who are seeking entrepreneurship opportunities, employment, and continuing education.

“By creating the VBI we are embracing our returning war heroes and take every step necessary to ensure that they have the skills and technical knowledge needed for today’s global workforce,” said Rogue Gallart, president of the Central Florida Disability Chamber of Commerce. “Securing long-term, stable and fulfilling employment should be readily available for all of Veterans returning back into the workforce”.

Florida Hospital is the founding Trustee for this initiative, along with fellow Trustees Manpower, Regions Bank, Rollins College, Rosen Hotels & Resorts, the Orlando Business Journal and Hilton Worldwide.

This free event provides US military veterans with invaluable access to several local companies for networking and interviewing opportunities and is available to all US Veterans, whether disabled or not.

Participating companies include Florida Hospital, Manpower, Regions Bank, Rollins College, Walt Disney World Parks & Resorts, University of Phoenix, Orlando VAMC, OneBlood, Primerica, Rosen Hotels & Resorts, UCF, SCORE, Universal Orlando Resort and many others.

“The Veterans Business Initiative is a program that provides Veterans who are seeking employment opportunities to network with organizations that want to hire Veterans. VBI has a proven track record that goes far beyond the traditional job fair format,” says Joe Patton, Veterans’ Program Manager with CareerSource Central Florida and the Department of Economic Opportunity.

“Central Florida continues to grow at an extraordinary rate. We find ourselves at the forefront in regard to infrastructure advancement, job growth, and small business opportunity. Now is the ideal time to step up and provide our veterans with the tools, direction, and knowledge that will help them further their personal goals. Regions is proud to stand alongside our partners of the VBI and support this endeavor,” said Robert Minnetto, Regions Central Florida area marketing manager and vice president.

Additional services for Veterans include:

- Job leads throughout Central Florida to assist with outcomes of placement
- Veteran's job matching program
- Entrepreneurship education and training
- Federal employment navigation
- Financial training
- Personalized resume assistance
- Self-paced computer training
- Training grant information
- Salary and job market information
- Continuing education

The Veterans Business initiative begins Tuesday, August 25th, 2015 with a kick-off event at the Central Florida Disability Chamber of Commerce, located at the National Entrepreneur Center, 3201 East Colonial Drive, Suite A-120 in Orlando. FL 32803, where 100 highly-qualified Veterans will be selected for an opportunity to develop and refine their business acumen while receiving the tools, knowledge, and personal contacts needed to establish a meaningful career, advance their education, and develop their entrepreneurial skills.

Veterans interested in applying for selection should complete the VBI registration form at the CareerSource Central Florida website, <https://cscfit.formstack.com/forms/vbi>. Applicants should sign-up by Monday, August 24, and no later than Thursday, August 28 for late entries.

Sponsors, employers and job-offering organizations to support this initiative are welcome.

CareerSource Central Florida provides tools to businesses and career seekers in Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter counties to advance their professional standing. On average, we assist 1,300 businesses each month with job posting and recruitment, retention and training. We also provide nearly 8,800 job seekers each month with services including career counseling, recruitment events, training, financial aid, and internships. For more information, visit www.CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com.

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