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CFDC VETERANS BUSINESS INITIATIVE MATCHES VETS TO JOBS

All US Veterans and veterans' spouses are eligible for the free, ten-week program, kicking-off Feb. 16

Orlando, FL – Veterans and spouses of veterans seeking entrepreneurship opportunities, employment, and continuing education are encouraged to participate in the third annual Veterans Business Initiative (VBI) program, brought to you by CareerSource Central Florida and the Central Florida Disability Chamber of Commerce.

The no-cost, ten-week program will commence Tuesday, Feb. 16 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). To date, more than 150 veterans have participated in the program, with a career placement success rate of nearly 50 percent.

“By creating the VBI, we are embracing our at-home and returning heroes and taking 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 veterans returning to the workforce.”

This free event provides US military veterans and spouses of veterans with invaluable access to several local companies for networking and interviewing opportunities, and is available to all US Veterans and veterans' spouses, whether disabled or not. Participating companies include Florida Hospital, Manpower, Regions Bank, UCF, Rosen Hotels & Resorts, Rollins College, Score, Universal Orlando Resort, Hilton Grand Vacations, Herzing University, Wyndham Vacation Ownership, JobPath and many others.

Additional services for veterans include:

- Veteran's job matching program
- Entrepreneurship education and training
- Federal employment navigation
- Personalized resume assistance

Veterans/spouses interested in applying for selection should complete the VBI registration form online at https://cscfit.formstack.com/forms/vbi_2016, no later than February 15, 2016. 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 career 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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