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Contractor ConnectionSM Launches “Hiring Our Veterans” Initiative

Network members issued a challenge to hire 1,000 veterans in one year in support of U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation campaign

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (November 11, 2014) – Contractor ConnectionSM recently launched a “Hiring Our Veterans” initiative in support of the [U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s “Hiring Our Heroes” campaign](#), a multi-year initiative to work with businesses to make commitments to hire 500,000 veterans and military spouses by the end of 2014. The Contractor Connection network of 4,200 contractors across the United States has been challenged to hire a total of 1,000 U.S. military veterans between October 2014 and October 2015.

Contractor Connection is an ongoing supporter of those who have served in the United States armed forces, and more than 10 percent of its current staff is comprised of military veterans.

“We owe so much to the men and women who have served our country,” said Larry Thomas, Contractor Connection president and chief executive officer. “It brings us great pride to lead our network of dedicated successful companies to seek out hiring opportunities for qualified veterans when possible.”

Since the launch of the Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s “Hiring Our Heroes” initiative in 2011, more than 24,000 veterans and military spouses have obtained jobs through the program, and more than 1,700 businesses of all sizes have pledged to hire almost 450,000 veterans.

About the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s “Hiring Our Heroes”

“Hiring Our Heroes” launched in March 2011 as a nationwide initiative to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment. Working with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s vast network of state and local chambers and other strategic partners from the public, private and nonprofit sectors, the

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goal is to create a movement across America in hundreds of communities where veterans and military families return every day. To date, "Hiring Our Heroes" has inspired more than 1,500 businesses of all sizes to hire 265,000 veterans, transitioning service members and military spouses. And as a direct result of more than 740 job fairs in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, 23,000 men and women have found employment.

About Contractor ConnectionSM

Contractor Connection, an industry leader in contractor managed repair and home improvement services, provides insurance carriers and consumers a national network of residential and commercial contractors that are vetted and managed for performance, measuring quality, timeliness and customer satisfaction.

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