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The Veterans Enterprise Training and Services Group (VETS Group)

A Non-profit 501(c)3 community based organization providing advocacy, mentorship and training for veterans seeking entrepreneurship and employment

www.vetsgroup.org

Joining Forces with

Metro Data Networks, LLC (MDN)

A D.C. Certified Business Enterprise specializing in technical services and employment support

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Putting America's Veterans Back to Work

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Veterans Employment Initiative is an aggressive plan to put veterans back to work. As of June 2011, over one million veterans were without a job and the unemployment rate for post-9/11 veterans reached 13.3 percent. Over the next 5 years, over one million more service members are projected to leave the military. The goal of this initiative is to ensure that work is available, accessible and in demand for our veterans and that these service members leave the military with the proper training and preparation they need to transition back into the civilian workforce.

Joining Forces is a national initiative that has been established to mobilize all sectors of society to give our service members and their families the opportunities and support they have earned and deserve. In August, President Obama issued a challenge to the private sector to hire or train 100,000 unemployed veterans and their spouses by the end of 2013. In just over a month, the business community has already responded with commitments to provide great opportunities for veterans and their families to help reach the President's goal.

INTRO

The Veterans Enterprise Training and Services Group (VETS Group) is a non-profit community based organization providing advocacy, mentorship and training to help veterans in pursuit of business ventures and employment. The VETS Group offers several programs for veterans to achieve economic empowerment through education, employment and entrepreneurship.

Metro Data Networks, LLC (MDN) is a Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) registered with the District of Columbia's Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) agency. Headquartered in the District of Columbia, MDN specializes in providing technical services and employment support for a wide range of commercial and government clients. With a skilled team of technical experts, project managers and business developers, MDN continues to expand its services throughout the Metropolitan area in support of critical infrastructure and technology enterprises.

OUR PLEDGE

Our pledge is to give back to the veterans and to the community. The VETS Group and MDN are answering the call to employ America's veterans while advancing federal and local missions to improve America's infrastructure, green energy and technology industries.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The VETS Group and MDN are embracing the Veterans Employment Initiative with commitments to assist our service men and women in their transition into new careers after the military.

The **Veterans Training and Employment Program** presents significant opportunities for veterans within some of the nation's fastest growing and in-demand markets today. Through this program, not only do we assist veterans in obtaining the training and credentials that translate into civilian jobs, but we help to locate and match program participants to corresponding job opportunities in the market.

Training & Certification

The job market demands professionals with particular skill sets. Our courses will provide training to earn an industry standard certification that will provide the skills, knowledge and recognition needed to succeed in the workforce.

Bonus Sessions & Workshops

Enhanced marketability. FREE additional training will be offered to better prepare veterans for entry into a new career. These workshops may include sessions on Job Readiness, Employer Panels and Career Counseling.

Job Placement Assistance

Our team has cultivated a network of employers interested in hiring veterans with the skills and certifications earned in the program. With our job placement assistance services, we will facilitate introductions to these industry professionals and hiring managers.

Through this program, we will provide veterans with all the tools and resources needed to be successful in their transition into a new and sustainable career.

INSTRUCTORS

All of our courses are taught by knowledgeable, certified professionals with experience, not only in leading classroom instruction, but also with practical experience in their field of expertise. These experts provide training from a hands on perspective, advancing standard classroom theory into applied knowledge of on the job practice.

Arthur Beeken

Beeken has over 40 years experience in efficient building, remodeling, and restoration. With a long standing focus on best building practices in performing environmentally sound work, he launched and operates Hybrid Home Performance, a building performance contracting company. Beeken is the Director of Training for the Energy and Building Efficiency Programs at Green Science Academy. He provides training, analysis, design, consultations and proctoring services. His dedication to energy efficiency has led Beeken to become Efficiency First—North Coast Chair, a Building Performance Trainer, certified BPI Proctor, HERS Rater, a Quality Assurance Inspector/Verifier and a Build It Green Certified Contractor. As a top notch building envelope and energy efficiency specialist, Beeken provides instruction for students in our Program seeking Building Professional Institute (BPI) certification and mastery of best practices in building performance design and retrofit.

Padraic Collins

With over 17 years of corporate IT training experience, Collins focuses on delivering first class results in beginner, intermediate and advanced level classes. He's worked with some of the D.C. Metro area's leading training firms specializing in Microsoft Office Suite and commercial off-the-shelf training requirements. Having such clients as the Department of Education, House of Representatives, Department of Interior, Social Security Administration and NASA, Collins brings a wealth of experience with different levels and skill sets of IT as well as vast array of knowledge surrounding government and corporate technical support requirements. We are pleased to have Collins on board in support of our Microsoft certification course.

Carl Stephenson

A Navy Veteran, Stephenson has been in the Information Technology (IT) industry since 1985 and teaching since 1993. He's been an IT instructor for business and college classes and is currently an instructor for Hewlett Packard. Prior to HP, he managed a teaching program for wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and succeeded in building it up from a 6 weeks pilot class into a 2 year program. As the designer, coordinator and instructor, Stephenson trained 130 medically discharged veterans for achievement of their entry level Microsoft Desktop Technician Certification in order to begin new careers in the IT industry. He maintains a BS in Computer Information Systems (CIS), a MBA in Management and an MS in Education for Instructional Design for Online Learning (IDOL). Carl supports our Program for students seeking Microsoft Certified Technical Specialist (MCTS) Certification.

COURSES

Courses are held at

The VETS Group Training Center
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Administering and Maintaining Windows 7

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