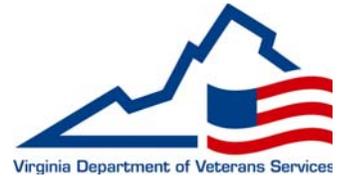


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CALL TO ACTION—Employment for Virginia’s veterans

TAKE ACTION: Volunteer for the **Veterans Workforce Outreach Project** and help develop an innovative action-based plan to connect veterans and their family members with powerful employment tools offered by the Virginia Workforce Connection online system and the Virginia Workforce Network One Stop services.

THE ISSUE: The discipline, leadership traits, and technical skills that veterans bring to the workplace make them excellent employees. Yet, consistently, veterans, especially disabled veterans, report difficulty finding employment that makes the most of their military experience. At the same time, Virginia employers are clamoring for reliable, skilled workers.

SITREP: Virginia offers several powerful tools, such as *Virginia Workforce Connection* (VaWorkConnect.com) and the *Virginia Education Wizard* (VaWizard.org) as well as the Virginia Community College System and the Virginia One-stops, that provide veterans, disabled veterans, and their family members with a full array of career development, educational, and employment-related services. These tools also help employers identify and recruit qualified candidates for jobs. However, these tools are underutilized.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Volunteers must be willing to actively assist with researching, drafting, and reviewing innovative outreach solutions that target veterans, disabled veterans, and family members and motivate them to use employment tools provided by the Virginia Workforce Connection and One Stops.
- Volunteers must be willing to participate in several meetings (either in-person in the Richmond area or by teleconference) to discuss findings, formulate strategies, review, and refine strategies.
- Engagement period will be approximately three months.
- Refer to the attached [Team Formation Document](#) for details.

CALL NOW: Team participation is open; however, the number of participants is limited. **To volunteer, contact Tim Bass at tim@bassemprise.com or call 804-357-0803 by January 6, 2010 to discuss your interest in this critical initiative.**