

Dept. of Workforce Development: 'Hiring Our Heroes' seeks to connect transitioning veterans with corporate employers

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DWD joins U.S. Chamber to promote Corporate Fellowship Program

MILWAUKEE – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) on Monday partnered with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes initiative to highlight their Corporate Fellowship Program with representatives from more than 30 Wisconsin businesses in attendance. The program serves as a talent pipeline that connects transitioning military veterans with corporate employers.

"We are pleased to partner with Hiring Our Heroes to take steps to explore the launch of the Corporate Fellowship Program in Wisconsin and provide businesses with another effective way to attract talented veterans," said DWD Deputy Secretary Chris Hagerup, who participated in the event.

The Corporate Fellowship Program matches transitioning service members with management-level or equivalent civilian careers prior to their separation from the military. The 12-week program provides opportunities for hands-on corporate training, mentoring and earning certifications while helping employers tap into a

pool of talented individuals.

“Veterans’ strong commitment to serving others aligns well with the Oshkosh Corporation Family in our commitment to build vehicles that protect and support the mission of the warfighter and fire fighters, and those working to build and keep our communities clean,” said Robert H. Sims, Oshkosh Corporation Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer. “Oshkosh Corporation is proud to be a Military Friendly Employer and Glassdoor Best Place to Work. We are dedicated to providing career opportunities and a support network for our more than 800 military team members.”

The Hiring Our Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program has graduated nearly 800 military veterans nationwide and has more than 150 participating employers, including Oshkosh Corp., Boeing, Prudential and Starbucks.

“We look forward to working alongside the state of Wisconsin to connect their businesses with the tremendous talent found in our transitioning service members, veterans, and military spouse fellows,” said Eric Eversole, Vice President at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and President of Hiring Our Heroes.

Other sponsors of the event were the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

More information about the program can be found at HiringOurHeroes.org/fellowships.