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Annual *Heroes 4 Hire* Career Fair for Veterans Is April 14 at East Hartford's Rentschler Field

WETHERSFIELD, March 19, 2015 – The Connecticut Department of Labor's *Heroes 4 Hire* Veterans Career Fair – one of the best attended events of its kind in the New England region – returns to the Rentschler Field Ballroom in East Hartford on April 14.

Sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor, the Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs, Travelers, *CBS Radio* and the local chamber of commerce, the 11th edition of the veteran-focused event, which has hosted more than 15,000 jobseekers and 2,000-plus employers since its 2007 inception, will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"More than 85 exhibitors will participate in this year's *Heroes 4 Hire* Fair," explains Terry Brennan, Director of the Connecticut Department of Labor's Office of Veterans' Workforce Development. This year's event features service providers and educational institutions, in addition to Certified Professional Résumé Writers from the Labor Department who will offer advice on best ways to showcase résumés to prospective employers. DOL staff will also be available to talk to individuals and employers about employment services and related workforce programs.

"Veterans bring a strong sense of teamwork, organization and leadership skills to the workplace," notes Brennan. "There is an accelerated learning curve that allows veterans to enter the workforce with an advantage and they possess transferable skills that have been proven in real-life situations. Veterans have also demonstrated efficient performance under pressure and understand the demands of tight schedules and limited resources – providing a valuable perspective to potential employers."

Companies exhibiting include Charter Communications, New England Tractor Trailer Training School, People's United Bank, U.S. Foods, Suburban Propane and Yarde Metals. Additional details, including directions to the event, a list of participating companies and organizations and a registration form for employers wishing to participate in the April 14 *Heroes 4 Hire* Career Fair, can be found on the Connecticut Department of Labor's career fair website at www.ctjobfairs.com.

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