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10th Annual *Heroes 4 Hire* Career Fair is March 25 At East Hartford's Rentschler Field Ballroom

WETHERSFIELD, March 13, 2014 – The Connecticut Department of Labor's *Heroes 4 Hire* Veterans Career Fair, returns and marks a milestone – its 10th anniversary – on March 25 to the Rentschler Field Ballroom in East Hartford. This is the largest and one of the best attended veterans career fairs in New England.

Sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor, Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs, Travelers, CBS Radio and local chambers of commerce, the veterans-only event, which has hosted more than 12,000 jobseekers and 2,000-plus employers since its 2007 inception, will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"More than 70 employers will participate in the *Heroes 4 Hire* Career Fair," explains Terry Brennan, Director of the Department of Labor's Office of Veterans' Workforce Development. In addition to employers, this year's event will host service providers and educational institutions as well as the Small Business Administration, the Social Security Administration and the Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs which assists in handling VA claims. Also participating will be partners within the *American Job Center* network – Capital Workforce Partners from Hartford, and The Workplace, Inc. from Bridgeport.

Professional résumé writers from the Department of Labor will offer tips and advice, and additional staff will be present to answer questions regarding employment services.

Among the companies exhibiting will include DATTCO, General Dynamics Electric Boat, FedEx Ground, Mohegan Sun, Northeast Utilities, Subway, U.S. Foods and Yarde Metals.

A wide variety of companies will be onsite in the Rentschler Field Ballroom and will be looking for veterans to fill positions that include entry-level, service industries, technical and management jobs. Participants should arrive early, bring plenty of résumés, and be prepared to talk with employers.

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“Veterans bring an understanding of teamwork, organization and strong leadership skills to the workplace,” noted Brennan. “There is an accelerated learning curve; veterans enter the workplace with identifiable and transferable skills which have been proven in real life situations. They have already demonstrated efficient performance under pressure and understand the rigors of tight schedules and limited resources.”

Additional details, including registration forms for employers wishing to participate in the March 25 Heroes 4 Hire Career Fair can be found on the Connecticut Department of Labor’s website, www.ctjobfairs.com.

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