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Unemployed Veterans Sought for Special Job Assistance Program

Las Vegas, NV — Unemployed veterans in the Las Vegas area are being offered the opportunity to apply for a special program designed to assist them in finding employment. Platform to Employment (P2E), a nationally recognized program addressing the specific needs of long-term unemployed workers has opened its on-line application for a class exclusively for veterans, said Renee Olson, administrator for the Employment Security Division of the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.

The deadline to apply is June 6 and the class will begin later in the month. Selected veteran candidates will participate in an intensive five-week preparatory program, which includes skills assessment, career readiness workshops, employee assistance programs, coaching and more. Upon program completion, there is an opportunity for paid work experience and/or on-the-job training positions with local companies, Olson said.

Those interested in the program can apply at the Platform to Employment website, www.platformtoemployment.com and click on the Platform to Employment Nevada Application button on the right side of the homepage.

“While the unemployment landscape has improved in Nevada, veterans are still experiencing difficulty finding employment,” Olson said. “This program will provide them with the support they need to re-enter the job market.”

DETR has partnered with The WorkPlace, southwestern Connecticut’s regional Workforce Development Board, to bring P2E to the Las Vegas metropolitan area, Olson said. This is the fifth class for the program in Reno and Las Vegas, with 73 percent of participants returning to work, Olson said.

Job placements are made on a trial basis, and are paid for by the program. The expectation is that if the company is satisfied with the performance of the veteran candidate, a full-time job will ensue. Platform to Employment subsidizes the wages of the job candidate for up to eight weeks, providing employers a risk-free opportunity to evaluate the candidate and determine if a good match exists.

Platform to Employment, which began in Southwest Connecticut in 2011 and has been featured on 60 Minutes and other national news programs, combines job readiness training, personal support services, and financial counseling to assist jobseekers said Joseph Carbone, president and CEO of The WorkPlace.

“We are pleased to partner with the state of Nevada on this important initiative,” Carbone said. “This is a highly successful program that has yielded positive results in other markets.”

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