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DETR to Hold Kick Off Event for Program to Help Veterans Become Employed

LAS VEGAS, NV —The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) will hold a business lunch, discussion, and orientation on June 21 at noon to officially kick off Platform to Employment (P2E), a nationally recognized program addressing the specific needs of long-term unemployed workers. It will be held at Vegas PBS at 3050 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

The two-part event will welcome the Veteran cohort selected in Las Vegas. Business leaders and members of the media are invited to attend. The kick-off will include remarks by invited business leaders, DETR officials and P2E executives. An overview of the P2E program goals and expectations will also be provided.

“While Nevada is successfully recovering from the recession, there are still many veterans who are having trouble finding employment,” said Renee Olson, administrator for DETR’s Employment Security Division. “Veterans may need assistance becoming acclimated to civilian workforce and determining how their military skills can be of benefit in the private sector. P2E is designed to give them that help.”

DETR partnered with The WorkPlace, southwestern Connecticut’s regional Workforce Development Board, to bring P2E to Nevada. P2E offers individuals a five-week preparatory program, including skills assessment, career readiness workshops, employee assistance programs, coaching and more. After completing the program, P2E assists participants in finding employment.

Placements are made on a trial basis, and are paid for by the program. The expectation is a fulltime job will result, if the employer is satisfied with the performance of the candidate, Olson said. P2E 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.

Nevada was among 32 states to be awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to assist Nevada’s long-term unemployed jobseekers in re-entering the workforce, Olson

said. The grant totaling \$1,830,497 was awarded through the Job-Driven National Emergency Grant program.

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DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, and the Research and Analysis Bureau. DETR works in partnership with the Nevada JobConnect System to provide training and job placement services to job seekers and to assist employers in hiring practices. It also supports economic development efforts through improving Nevada's workforce.