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Governor's Initiative Matches Veterans With Employers in Third Year of "Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet" Job Fairs

WHAT: An initiative launched by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2007 to provide a wide range of job services in one spot for veterans, many of them recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan. Veterans will have a unique opportunity to meet with employers who have high-quality job openings and resource agencies that offer a wide range of employment services. Veterans can learn about career opportunities, education and training options, apprenticeships, and other services available from public and private agencies. The fair is free and open to all.

WHO: Participating in the fair will be 120 Public and private employers, including Johnson & Johnson, L-3 Electron Technologies Inc., General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Care Ambulance Service, Southern California Edison, ABCO Technology, and the State of California. Also on hand will be representatives from 12 state and local government agencies, and private service organizations that provide services to job seekers. This event is sponsored by California state agencies that provide veterans with the help they need to transition from military life to new civilian careers: the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, Employment Development Department, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Industrial Relations' Division of Apprenticeship Standards, and the California Community Colleges.

WHERE: Los Angeles Airport Marriott, 5855 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045

WHEN: Tuesday November 10, 2009
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHY: California is home to more than 2 million veterans, the most in the nation. Veterans' military training provides them with a wide range of technical skills, teamwork and leadership experience. Last year, the unemployment rate for veterans ages 18 to 24 was 14.1%, down from 14.3% in 2007, but higher than the 10.5% rate for non-veterans in that age group. Governor Schwarzenegger's "Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet" initiative expands employment and education opportunities for California's veterans. This year's events build on the success of a similar series of fairs over the past three years which matched thousands of veterans with employers and service providers throughout the state.

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