100,000 Jobs Mission in Chicago Seeks Veterans
IDES and IDVA Partner to Put Veterans to Work
Pre-Registration is Encouraged for Best Service, Results

CHICAGO – With a goal of hiring at least 100,000 Veterans by 2020, a coalition of more than 60 companies, government agencies and Veteran groups will be hosting a huge hiring event in Chicago July 12 for military Veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses.

The 100,000 Jobs Mission hiring event is being held in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs (IDVA), JP Morgan Chase, Joining Forces, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), American Legion, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Student Veterans of America, U.S. Department of Labor – VETS, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The hiring event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University of Illinois at Chicago’s UIC Forum, 725 West Roosevelt Road. This event uses an innovative pre-register, pre-match model that results in pre-scheduled interviews and, in some cases, on-the-spot job offers. Veterans and others seeking work are encouraged to pre-register at https://coalition.militaryhiringevents.com. Since the program’s launch last year, the group has collectively hired more than 12,000 Veterans.

Some of the Illinois-based companies and organizations include Abbott, Caterpillar, CDW, Cushman & Wakefield, Health Care Service Corp. (parent of Blue Cross Blue Shield), Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Kraft Foods, McDonald’s, Northern Trust, Schneider National, Sears, University of Chicago Medical Center, and Walgreens.

Participating companies are looking to fill jobs in the Chicago area—and nationwide—ranging from entry-level to managerial positions, including many with positions ready to be filled immediately. Veterans and other attendees should dress appropriately, bring current resumes, and be prepared for a brief, preliminary interview.

Veterans are sought-after employees for their service training, which includes respect for authority, embracing responsibility and success operating in a team-based environment. Service members also have advanced training in technology, manufacturing, construction and logistics.

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