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Dear Veteran:

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry is pleased to announce the availability of a new job training and placement grant for the Commonwealth's veterans.

This grant has been awarded under the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP). Emphasis will be placed on training veterans in "green jobs" now in the marketplace or expected soon. Fields of employment include energy efficiency technologies, renewable energy sources, modern electric-power development, and clean vehicles. The VWIP grants will help veterans overcome employment barriers and ease their transition into unsubsidized jobs. Through this program, veterans receive skills assessments, individual job counseling, labor-market information, classroom or on-the-job training, skills upgrading and retraining, placement assistance and follow-up service.

The targeted groups of veterans to be served under this Program are: First Priority - those recently separated from active duty (within 48 months); Other Priorities - those with service connected disabilities, those with significant barriers to employment and those who have served on active duty in the Armed Forces during wartime or in a campaign or expedition.

The program will be administered by two sub-grantees with support from the resources of the agencies of the PA Commonwealth, including the Department of Labor & Industry and its PA CareerLink® network, the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Governor's Veteran Outreach and Assistance Centers.

Impact Services Corporation is a multi-service, non-profit group registered in Pennsylvania helping chronically unemployed, low-income Philadelphians enter and succeed in the workforce since 1974. Impact has extensive experience assisting many populations to enter the workforce, including welfare-to-work families, ex-offenders and needy veterans. An entire division of Impact is devoted to assisting homeless and/or unemployed veterans stabilize their lives and become healthy, self-sufficient members of the workforce.

Serving veterans and their families since 1982, the Veterans Leadership Program (VLP) receives funding from federal, state and local government for job placement, job training, housing and supportive services. Specific sources of funding include U.S. Department of Labor, Housing and Urban Development, Veterans Affairs, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, City of Pittsburgh and the United Way of Allegheny County.

Both sub-grantees are well established and have been successfully providing service to veterans for many years. To find out if you qualify and to get more detailed information on the program the Eastern Pennsylvania contact is Contact Rhakeem Favors at labordepartment@impactservices.org or by phone at 215-739-5774 or 215-739-5763 or 215-579-6581 and in Western Pennsylvania contact Scott Grady by email gradys@vlpwpa.org or by phone at 412-481-8200.

Sincerely

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