



# TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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### **Employers Seek Military Veterans for Key Positions**

Austin – A growing number of Texas employers are making a special effort to recruit job candidates with military experience.

That's because it's good business.

Today's armed forces master state-of-the-art technologies including the most advanced information, medical and communications systems in the world. They run the world's most complex operations, distributing supplies to thousands of locations and moving tons of equipment across the globe.

Special efforts businesses are making to hire and retain veterans include giving veterans priority in the hiring process, providing additional points to veterans during their promotion process, and saving jobs for Reserve and Guard service members who are called-up for active duty.

"Military veterans display extraordinary leadership qualities, are results-oriented and possess a strong sense of accountability and responsibility," says Tonee Black, Regional Recruitment Manager for AlliedBarton Security Services. "These are highly desirable qualities and ones that are very important to AlliedBarton."

AlliedBarton is one of five employers the Texas Veterans Commission honored for excellence in hiring and retaining veterans at the recent 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Statewide Training conference.

"These employers see veterans as critical to their business's success," says retired Colonel Thomas Palladino, Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Commission. "These awards recognize their outstanding commitment to veterans who have served our country with courage and honor."

According to recent data provided by the Department of Labor, Texas has helped more veterans get jobs than any other state in the country with the Texas Veterans Commission assisting 47,556 veterans enter the workforce in a 12-month period.

The Texas Veterans Commission has over 190 representatives in 75 cities across the state that help local employers find the best veteran candidates for their company's needs.

Employers interested in hiring a veteran can call Kevin Smith, Texas Veterans Commission Business Outreach Coordinator, at (512) 463-3677.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Employer Award Recipients**

#### ***Large Employer Award (251+ employees)***

Allied Barton, Dallas, TX.

January 2010: Texas workforce, 1,922 employees (13% Veterans). Hired: 752 employees (21% Veterans)

#### ***Medium Employer Award (51 to 250 employees)***

Securitas Comanche Peak, Glen Rose, TX

January 2010: 169 employees (31% Veterans). Hired: 21 employees (57% Veterans)

#### ***Small Employer Award (50 or fewer employees)***

Trinity Armored Security, Inc., Haltom City, TX

January 2010: 48 employees (52% Veterans). Hired: 15 employees (60% Veterans)

#### ***Disabled Veteran Employer Award***

The Edge Research and Development, El Paso, TX

January 2010: 31 employees (48% were Disabled Veterans), Hired: 4 employees (50% were Disabled Veterans)

#### ***National Employer Award***

J.B. Hunt, Lowell, AR

January 2010: National Workforce, 15,067 employees (15% Veterans). Hired 9,795 employees (18% Veterans)

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