



# TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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# News Release

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## State government hiring event for Veterans April 23

**AUSTIN** – The Texas Veterans Commission, with the support of Gov. Greg Abbott, is hosting a hiring fair on April 23 to increase the number of Veteran state employees as part of a new initiative to employ qualified Veterans at state agencies.

“While the number of state employees in Texas has increased by more than 35,000 since 2006, the percentage of the state workforce who are veterans has decreased from six percent to five percent during that period,” said Gov. Greg Abbott. “When hiring opportunities arise, we should look to those who have served honorably defending our freedoms in order to fill necessary positions within state government. Many times, these men and women have received extensive training and exhibited qualities that make them excellent candidates for state jobs.”

The initiative, Veterans Employed by Texas (VETS), is working to increase the percentage of Veterans employed by state government.

By working directly with state agencies, the initiative will focus on reinforcing the relevant skills Veterans acquired while in the military and the value they bring to state agencies in Texas.

“Texas state agencies are in a great position to benefit from hiring Veterans and this event is the latest example of the partnership we have with other state agencies in supporting our Veterans,” said Thomas Palladino, Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Commission. “Veterans in Texas already have government experience at the federal level and their skills make them ideal candidates to work for the great state of Texas.”

The VETS Hiring Event will be April 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3401 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas, 78741.

Attendees must be Veterans, reservists, guardsmen or transitioning servicemembers. VETS will help interested Veterans understand the application process for state

government and give them an opportunity to meet with more than 20 agencies that will be in attendance.

Texas Veterans Commission employment representatives will also be there to assist Veterans with questions about state applications, resumes and other employment related questions.

Although the event is in Austin, the hiring event will offer state-wide opportunities for interested Veterans. Agencies scheduled to attend include Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., Texas Dept. of Agriculture, Lower Colorado River Authority and many more.

Veterans who are interested in attending are encouraged to have a current Work in Texas profile, an open state application and resumes in order to benefit the most out of the event.

For additional information on state agencies that will be there or to register for the event, visit <http://www.tvc.texas.gov/VETS-Hiring-Event.aspx>.

#### Texas Veterans Commission

The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission is to advocate for and provide superior service to Veterans and their families in the areas of disability claims assistance, employment services, education benefits and grant funding. Over 200 skilled counselors in 75 cities provide one-on-one guidance to Veterans and their families to ensure they receive all of the benefits to which they are entitled. For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission services click here: <http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Home.aspx>.

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