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Veterans: Texas is “Wide Open” for You!

New website showcases Texas as a great option for veterans

AUSTIN, Texas – December 4, 2014. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), in partnership with Texas.gov, are proud to announce the launch of Texas Wide Open for Veterans (www.TexasWideOpenforVeterans.com), a new website that illustrates why Texas is such a great home for veterans and businesses that employ veterans. The website features compelling reasons why veterans should consider making Texas their new home, including affordable housing markets, significant job growth, and a diverse culture. Texas Wide Open for Veterans also gives employers critical information about how actively hiring veterans can help their company thrive in Texas.

“Our state has so much to offer,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers, Hope Andrade. *“With the highest job growth in the country, there are many opportunities for these veterans to find work in a variety of industries in Texas. We believe Texas is the best place to live, work and raise a family, and we want to make sure our men and women in uniform know that we’d love for them to make Texas their home.”*

The veteran community can visit [Texas Wide Open for Veterans](#) to:

- Use the robust [map](#) to locate military bases, airports, universities, community colleges, VA hospitals, parks, and job centers across Texas;
- Check the [Events](#) calendar to view upcoming veteran events, and even submit a request to add an event; and
- Submit questions via the [Contact form](#) which are routed to the appropriate group for response.

Texas employers can utilize [Texas Wide Open for Veterans](#) to:

- Learn about the Work Opportunity Tax Credit that offers up to \$9,600 federal tax savings to employers who hire veterans; and

- Find out if they qualify for funds and grants offered by the State of Texas to companies looking to grow in Texas.

[Texas Wide Open for Veterans](#) is a convenient, helpful resource for veterans as they research relocation destinations and for businesses looking to strengthen their workforce.

About Texas.gov

Texas.gov is the official website of the State of Texas (www.texas.gov) and is a collaborative public/private partnership managed by the [Department of Information Resources \(DIR\)](#). [Texas.gov](#) helps state and local government entities web-enable their services and operates without tax funds through a partnership between the State and [Texas NICUSA, LLC](#). Texas NICUSA builds, operates, maintains, and markets Texas.gov and is part of eGovernment firm [NIC's](#) (NASDAQ: EGOV) family of companies. Since its launch in 2000, Texas.gov has securely processed more than 234 million financial transactions and collected more than \$32 billion on behalf of participating entities.

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