

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 15-12

☐ Policy ☒ Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers
Veterans Employment Representatives

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: February 12, 2015

Subject: **Federal Portal for Connecting Veterans to Meaningful Career Opportunities**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of Training and Employment Notice [\(TEN\) No. 19-14](#) and Veterans Program Letter [\(VPL\) 02-15](#) posted by the Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) office and Veterans Employment and Training (VETS) February 2, 2015. This TEN and VPL informs the public workforce system and partners of the functionality and value of the government-wide Veterans Employment Center (VEC) available now through the eBenefits portal hosted by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>.

Background: In 2011, First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden started the Joining Forces initiative to spur efforts to better serve military service members, Veterans, and their families with real concrete action. As a result, departments and agencies across the Federal government have been working together to improve and integrate both online and in-person services to assist Veterans and their spouses with their employment and career goals. Due to the increasing numbers of separating military service members in recent years and anticipated drawdowns over the next several years, a major goal of this initiative is to facilitate the transfer of skills gained through military education, training and work experience toward a career pathway and employment in the civilian labor market.

Action

Required: Please share this information with all career counselors, front-line staff and partners to become familiar with the VEC to understand the services and functionality it offers. Veteran customers should also be referred to the site for self-service.

Inquiries: Questions may be directed to Beth Costa at bcosta2@detma.org.

Attachments: A. eBenefits Fact Sheet
B. VEC for Job Seekers Fact Sheet