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U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs announces first G-FIVE recipients

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) today announced the selection of five federal contractor establishments as the first recipients of the Good Faith Initiative for Veterans Employment (G-FIVE) program.

"The G-FIVE was created to address the employment challenges facing the veteran workforce today by recognizing federal contractors for their efforts in employing and advancing covered veterans," said Charles E. James Sr., deputy assistant secretary for OFCCP. "It reaffirms OFCCP's commitment to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act and creates an excellent incentive for federal contractors to hire veterans."

"The G-FIVE also strengthens partnerships between OFCCP and veterans groups and other agencies," added Victoria Lipnic, assistant secretary for the Labor Department's Employment Standards Administration. "It's an OFCCP initiative that supports America's heroes."

The five federal contractor establishments selected for 2008 are:

- Computing Technologies Inc. -- Fairfax, Va.
- Wackenhut Services Inc. -- Savannah River Site, Aiken, S.C.
- Engineering Systems Solutions -- Frederick, Md.
- Alaska Airlines -- Seattle, Wash.
- Hawaiian Electric Co.-- Honolulu, Hawaii

All of these establishments demonstrated "best practices" for the employment and advancement of veterans, and will be excluded from an OFCCP compliance evaluation for three years.

The directive outlining this new initiative, along with frequently asked questions, are available on OFCCP's Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/ofccp/regs/compliance/directives/dir282.pdf> and <http://www.dol.gov/esa/ofccp/regs/compliance/faqs/dir282faqs.htm>.

OFCCP, an agency of the Department of Labor's Employment Standards Administration, enforces Executive Order 11246 and other laws that prohibit employment discrimination by federal contractors. The agency monitors federal contractors to ensure that they provide equal employment opportunities without regard to race, gender, color, religion, national origin, disability or veteran status.

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