**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. This program provides service-connected veterans currently enrolled in the chapter 31 program with the opportunity to obtain training and practical job experience.

2. Veterans in the chapter 31 program are monitored by their case manager.

3. This program can be established in federal, state and local government agencies only.

**ADVANTAGES TO THE EMPLOYER**

1. Recent college graduate, prescreened by the VA counselor, at Zero expense.

2. Minimal paperwork.

3. Simple to Implement.

4. Veterans qualify for special hiring authority.

5. Method of demonstrating gratitude to our veterans for their service to our country.

**BENEFITS FOR VETERANS**

1. Establishes employment history.

2. Provides exposure to potential employment opportunities.

3. Monthly subsistence allowance provided by Department of Veterans Affairs.

4. Strengthens and builds positive worker traits.

**THE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

1. An informational interview with a VA case manager is the first step.

2. VA Case Manager arranges interview between the agency manager and veteran. The agency manager decides if the veteran meets their criteria.

3. VA Case Manager processes NPWE paperwork. Agency work site supervisor provides monthly progress reports and sets work schedule.

4. Veteran is expected to work established schedule as any other employee would.

5. Tools, uniforms, or any other employer requirements are provided by VA.

6. VA Case manager supervises veteran in program with monthly contacts.

7. Work Experience is normally 40 hr/wk for a period of 6 months.

8. For more information call or e-mail

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