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## **Governor Rell Announces Connecticut's Fifth *Heroes4Hire* Career Fair for Veterans, Employers**

Governor M. Jodi Rell today announced that the state will hold the fifth in its series of *Heroes4Hire* career fairs – an opportunity for Connecticut veterans to make a direct connection with prospective employers – on October 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ballroom at Rentschler Field in East Hartford.

*Heroes4Hire* career fairs are designed for Connecticut residents who have served in the Armed Services, the Connecticut National Guard and the Reserves and are looking for employment. The October 5 event is expected to draw more than 50 employers and is co-sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor, the Connecticut Veterans' Administration and CBS Radio.

"Americans owe the men and women who have served our nation – in whatever uniform and branch of service – a tremendous debt of honor," Governor Rell said. "They have represented all of us while helping to defend our freedom. At this point in our history, as our economy recovers from a recession and while men and women from Connecticut continue to serve in Afghanistan and Iraq, the *Heroes4 Hire* job fair is a fitting way to show our thanks.

"Connecticut has held four *Heroes4Hire* events since January 2007 and each has been a success," the Governor said. "These job fairs have each drawn nearly 2,000 veterans and proven quite beneficial for participating employers with openings in the managerial, professional, sales, administrative, production and related fields.

"Thanks to their backgrounds and experience, veterans bring a strong understanding of teamwork, organization and leadership skills to the workplace," Governor Rell said. "They also have an exceptional ability to master skills quickly and come to their jobs with identifiable, transferable skills that have been proven in real-life situations. Veterans perform under pressure, adapting to the tight schedules and limited resources of today's business world. In short, veterans help businesses meet their goals."

In addition to meeting with the employers on-site, attendees will also be able to obtain free help from members of the Labor Department's team of professional résumé writers. They will also be able to obtain information on veterans' benefits, vocational rehabilitation and education and career options. Also on-site will be the Department of Veterans Affairs' Vets Express bus; employees from that agency will assist visitors in filing claims with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Additional details – including directions to Rentschler Field, registration forms for employers wishing to take part in the *Heroes 4 Hire* fair and a list of participating companies – can be found on the Department of Labor's website at [www.ctjobfairs.com](http://www.ctjobfairs.com) or by calling (203) 859-3412 or (860) 263-6516.