

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)
BETWEEN
VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
AND
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

Subject: Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Employment And Training Administration And Veterans' Employment And Training Service (Vets) To Initiate A Job Corps/Vets Training Demonstration Project

Authority: a. 38 USC 4102A

b. 29 USC 2896 – Experimental, Research, and Demonstration Projects

Reference: Veterans' Employment and Training Service Veterans' Program Letter Notice

1. **Purpose:** This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) sets forth the role of the Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) and the Employment and Training Administration's Office of Job Corps (ETA/OJC) to provide guidance and information to VETS field staff, affected Transition Managers, States and participating Job Corps centers about the Job Corps/VETS Demonstration project. This demonstration project is being developed to provide eligible Veterans with education, training, certification and job placement through the Job Corps program.

2. **Background:**

a. Memorandum of Agreement between VETS and ETA/JC. VETS and ETA/OJC agree to work jointly to develop a program that will provide eligible Veterans with education, training, certification specific to the industry in which they are training, and job placement through the Job Corps Program.

b. Job Corps Mission. The mission of Job Corps is to recruit young adults, teach them the academic, career technical and social skills they need to become employable and independent and to place them in employment, the military, or higher education.

c. VETS Mission. VETS proudly serves Veterans and Service Members. We provide resources and expertise to assist and prepare them to obtain meaningful careers, maximize their employment opportunities, and protect their employment rights.

d. VETS/Job Corps Training Demonstration Project This project supports the Secretary of Labor's goal of "Good Jobs for Everyone." It will recruit eligible Veterans and teach them the academic, career technical and social skills they need to become employable and independent by educating and training them through services provided by Job Corps.

The unemployment rate for Veterans 20 to 24 years of age has consistently and significantly exceeded that for non-Veterans. In 2009, 20 to 24 year old Veterans had an unemployment rate of 21.1%. This translates to an estimated 50,000 unemployed young Veterans. This demonstration is intended to assist eligible unemployed Veterans in this age group who need and can benefit from an intensive program operated in a group setting in residential centers. Three Job Corps centers have been selected for this demonstration, based on center's capacity and the variety of career training offered. They are Atterbury Job Corps Center in Edinburgh, Indiana; Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center in Morganfield, Kentucky; and Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. One hundred residential slots for Veterans will be set aside at each of the three centers.

3. Roles and Responsibilities of VETS field staff and Transition Managers (Subject to availability of funds):

a. VETS National Office will identify at least 20 military installations that have the highest volumes of Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Employment Workshop participants.

b. VETS Regional Administrators will coordinate the delivery of demonstration project information and materials to the TAP sites.

c. The Director of Operations, Grants, and Transition Programs will draft a press release and provide it to the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Public Affairs Office.

d. VETS Regional Administrators will also coordinate with respective state Workforce Agencies to assist with employment services and outreach at each of the three Job Corps centers participating in the project.

e. The VETS' Director of the Office of Agency Management and Budget will coordinate all VETS support and resource requirements.

4. Roles and Responsibilities of Job Corps Staff (Subject to the Availability of funds):

a. Job Corps will provide program materials, applications, and /or information for TAP participants.

b. Job Corps will conduct outreach and admissions for Veterans interested in participating in the project.

c. Job Corps will provide a waiver of income eligibility for Veterans participating in the demonstration project, per Section 156 of the Workforce Investment Act. This waiver will be recorded electronically in Job Corps Outreach and Admissions Student Information System (OASIS), and become part of the participant's permanent Job Corps record.

d. Job Corps will provide free transportation to and from the Job Corps center, housing, meals, basic medical services, academic and career technical training, bi-weekly living allowance, job placement services and post-graduation support.

e. Job Corps will set aside one hundred residential slots for Veterans at each of the three selected demonstration centers.

5. **Measurement of Outcomes:** The performance measures used for this demonstration will be the current measures established and used by Job Corps. The Veteran enrollees will be uniquely identified in the Job Corps system, allowing a variety of variables to be tracked. Some of these variables are as follows: length of the admissions process, length of on-center training, career technical and academic achievements and post-graduation placement outcomes and wages.
6. **Duration of MOA:** This MOA, executed in duplicate originals, shall be effective upon execution and shall continue for a period of one year from the date of signing.
7. **Termination, Review, Modification and Dispute Provisions:** Disputes pertaining to this agreement will be addressed by the Director, Office of Operations, Grants and Transition Programs of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service, and the National Director of the Office of Job Corps. Unresolved disputes will be elevated to the Deputy Assistant Secretaries of the Employment and Training Administration and the Veterans Employment and Training Service. This MOA may be terminated by either party at any time. This MOA will be reviewed periodically as needed by both parties but modified only through agreement of both parties. Modifications will be numbered sequentially.
8. **Points of Contact:** The following are the duly authorized representatives for each party to this MOA:

a. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service:

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9. Effect of Agreement

- a. This agreement does not in itself authorize the expenditure or reimbursement of any funds. Nothing in this agreement obligates the parties to expend appropriations or enter into any contract or other obligations.
- b. This agreement is an internal Government agreement and is not intended to confer any right upon any private person.
- c. Nothing in this agreement limits or otherwise affects either party's ability to carry out normal operations or otherwise restrict the parties from participating in similar activities.
- d. This agreement will be executed in full compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974

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