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**Iowa National Guard and Workforce Development Partner,  
Bring Services Directly to Veterans**

DES MOINES - The Iowa National Guard and Iowa Workforce Development announced a partnership to bring workforce services directly to Iowa veterans with workforce access points throughout the armory system.

"Iowa Workforce Development has a strong commitment to serve Iowa's veterans who often have different employment concerns and needs, particularly when returning from long deployments," said Teresa Wahlert, Iowa Workforce Development director. "By partnering with the National Guard, we can connect with veterans across the state in an environment where a multitude of services are provided."

Maj. Gen. Tim Orr, the Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard stated, "We're honored to partner with Iowa Workforce Development on this unique project to make career-enhancing resources and job prospects highly accessible for our men and women. More than 25 percent of our 3,000 Soldiers and Airmen returning from combat in Afghanistan are seeking full-time employment. Through the focused efforts of Iowa Workforce Development, our men and women will greatly enhance their career opportunities and employability, putting their unique skillsets to work in Iowa's communities."

Iowa's workforce system is continually being enhanced through the addition of Access Points. The National Guard partnership will add 42 new access point locations for veterans. Services available through the access points include job search and résumé assistance; unemployment claims and labor market information; educational and veteran specific resources; access to workforce specialists via live chat and more.

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Maj. Gen. Tim Orr and IWD Director Teresa Wahlert

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