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NOMINEES FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S TOP EMPLOYER AWARD NAMED
Colorado Employers Recognized by National Guard and Reserve Members

Denver– Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense (DoD) office, announces more than 50 Colorado employers of Guard and Reserve employees have been nominated for the 2015 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award (commonly referred to as the “Freedom Award”).

The Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the DoD to employers for their support of National Guard and Reserve members. On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, ESGR runs the annual award program, which has presented the honor to 205 employers since 1996.

Almost half of the U.S. military is made up of National Guard and Reserve members, many of whom also hold jobs with civilian employers. The Freedom Award recognizes those employers that provide the most outstanding support for these Citizen Warriors. Up to 15 employers will be selected for this year’s award and honored at the Pentagon in an official ceremony in August.

Nominations for the Freedom Award must come from a Guard or Reserve member who is employed by the organization they are nominating, or from a family member. This year’s nominees (complete list available at <http://www.freedomaward.mil/TemplateDetailsView.aspx?TemplateID=6406&ModuleID=7>) represent large and small employers from almost every industry, including health, transportation, hospitality, entertainment, banking, service and security (just to name a few), as well as from state and local governments. ESGR received nominations for employers in all 50 states, Guam-CNMI, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia.

Semifinalists and finalists will be announced in sequence throughout the coming months with the recipients being announced in late June. Updates, press releases and a complete list of the 2,960 nominees can be found at www.freedomaward.mil.

2015 Freedom Award Nominations from Colorado:

Sanjel Corporation
240 Union Restaurant
Adams County Communication Center
Adams County District Attorney's Office
Air Methods Corporation
American Sentinel University
Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Army Air Force Exchange Service
Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corporation
CaptionCall
City of Durango
Colorado Counseling Center
Colorado Department of Education

Colorado Springs Police Department
Colorado Springs School District Eleven*
Colorado State Patrol
Cosmic AES
Department of Youth Correction/CDHS
DIRECTV
Edward Jones Investments
Evans Army Community Hospital / Ambulance Section
Fort Carson Range Operations
Fort Lupton Police Department
G4S Denver
Greenwood Village Police Department
Intelligent Software Solutions
LeaderQuest
Mesa County
MITRE Corporation*
Navigant Consulting, Inc.
NEK Services, Inc.
Office of the District Attorney, 18th Judicial District
Optique of Denver
Parker Police Department
Pueblo Police Department
Raytheon Company
Shadow Creek Ranch
SkyWest Airlines
South Metro Fire Rescue Authority
Space C2 and Surveillance Division
That Eighties Band
The Home Depot
T-Mobile USA, Inc.
Transportation Security Administration
United Airlines
United Launch Alliance
Vectrus
W.J. Bradley Mortgage Capital, LLC
Western Area Power Administration
WOW Internet Cable and Phone

*Denotes employer received more than one nomination

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