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## **VETERAN’S EMPLOYMENT GRANT NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE MISSOURI JOB CENTER OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Show-Me Heroes, a new workforce grant to help recently discharged service members, and their spouses, transition into civilian employment is now available from the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County operated by the St. Charles County Department of Workforce & Business Development.

A \$30,000 grant for wage reimbursements to participating employers through this program has been awarded to St. Charles County by the Missouri Division of Workforce Development. Service members and their spouses from all branches of the military can participate, including National Guard and Reserves, if they have been honorably discharged in the last five years.

“The Show-Me Heroes employment grant allows us to reimburse up to 50 percent of a veteran’s wages for up to a maximum of 1,040 hours while they are being trained in a new job by a local employer. The same applies for the spouse of an eligible veteran,” says Scott J. Drachnik, Director of the St. Charles County Department of Workforce & Business Development. “Veterans return to civilian life with outstanding work ethic and transferable skills that employers are looking for in these days of full employment. This limited grant opportunity makes it even more appealing for St. Charles County businesses to honor and hire veterans.”

Local service members and their spouses who have been discharged in the last five years and would to know more about the Show-Me Heroes employment program, or employers who are interested to participate and hire veterans, can contact Sherri Henderson at 636-255-6060, ext. 5267, email [Sherri.Henderson@ded.mo.gov](mailto:Sherri.Henderson@ded.mo.gov), or visit the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County at 212 Turner Boulevard in St. Peters, Mo.

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*Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state’s third largest county in both population and economic share. It is home to 15 scenic county parks encompassing more than 3,643 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.*

*With a population of 395,504, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.*

*St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit [sccmo.org](http://sccmo.org).*