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TWC Helps Military Veterans Tap into the Job Market *Agency Introduces New Online Version Of Transition Assistance Program (TAP)*

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor’s Veterans’ Employment and Training Services, has launched eTAP, the online version of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP).

TAP meets the needs of separating service members and their spouses during their transition into civilian life by offering job-search assistance, employment services, labor market information and other forms of assistance. TWC operates ongoing TAP seminars at 13 Texas military sites in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Defense. The seminars, which last two to three days, provide information on Veterans Administration benefits, job-search techniques, interviewing skills, translation of military duties into civilian job skills, résumé preparation and labor market information.

TWC’s eTAP initiative addresses service members separating from the military and their spouses who may not be able to attend a TAP seminar, such as National Guard members, Reservists, those returning through military hospitals or those who are not near a facility that offers seminars.

Veterans seeking to use eTAP can register on <http://workforce.tstc.edu/pjs/tap/lms/login.cfm>. There is also a link to the eTAP Web site on TWC’s home page at www.texasworkforce.org. The six-chapter online course can be accessed by any computer and is self-directed so that users can log off during any session and come back to it another time. Areas covered include writing effective résumés and cover letters, proper interviewing techniques and numerous methods for successful job searches.

As with all of TWC’s services, eTAP is available at no-cost and provides a convenient alternative to exiting service members and the thousands of veterans in Texas.

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