

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 21, 2016

TO: Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDB) Executive Directors

FROM: Lois A. Scott, Chief, Bureau of One-Stop and Program Support

SUBJECT: Hilton Honors Military Rewards Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the new partnership between the Hilton Honors Military Rewards Program (HHMRP) and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).

HHMRP on behalf of Hilton Worldwide, is part of Hilton's initiative to provide support to United States military veterans and eligible spouses. Eligible veterans may receive 100,000 Hilton Honors points that can be used for hotel stays when travel is required to complete job search related activities 50 miles or more from their home. HHMRP also includes a commitment to hire 10,000 veterans at more than 3,900 hotels worldwide and in corporate offices within the next five years.

The State Veterans' Program Unit will be providing additional information and training on how to implement the HHMRP program locally.

The HHMRP will provide Florida's veterans with greater access to opportunities they might not otherwise have access to due to lack of resources or services for job search activities that may require them to travel far distances from their home. It will also allow the state another resource to help unemployed veterans with employment opportunities that may not be available to them in their current area.

If you have any questions, please call Jay RiveraAcosta at (850) 717-0763, or via email at Jay.RiveraAcosta@deo.myflorida.com, and/or Shawn Forehand at (850) 717-0760, or via email at Shawn.Forehand@deo.myflorida.com.

LAS/jra

cc: Mr. Tom Clendenning Mr. Mike Lynch Ms. Trina Travis Mr. Shawn Forehand

> Florida Department of Economic Opportunity | Caldwell Building | 107 E. Madison Street | Tallahassee, FL 32399 850.245.7105 | www.floridajobs.org www.twitter.com/FLDEO |www.facebook.com/FLDEO

An equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and service are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. All voice telephone numbers on this document may be reached by persons using TTY/TTD equipment via the Florida Relay Service at 711.