NEWS RELEASE

For Regional Distribution



For Immediate Release Date: November 7th, 2008

Contact: Kerry Koonce (515) 281-9646

Iowa Workforce Development Offers many Services for Veterans

Fort Dodge, Iowa – From job search assistance to information about employment and training programs, Iowa Workforce Development offers many services for veterans.

"We are pleased to serve the Iowa veterans who gave of themselves to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today," said Elisabeth Buck, Director of Iowa Workforce Development.

Eligible veterans can receive assistance for a productive job search or gain access to job listings through IWD's electronic data base. They can also receive assistance with job interviewing and résumé writing skills.

Veteran Representatives through Iowa Workforce Development monitor job listings from federal agencies and federal contractors to ensure that veterans get priority service in referral to these jobs, and work closely with clients of V.A. Vocational Rehabilitation.

A disabled veteran was let go from his employment where he worked as a security guard for a company in the Fort Dodge area. He turned to the Fort Dodge Workforce Development Center for assistance in finding another job. The veteran was referred to an employment counselor for intensive employment services. Within a week, the veteran found employment with a closer and higher paying security company. The new employer has been very good at working with this veteran to accommodate his disabilities.

This is just one example of the personalized service lowa veterans receive from Iowa Workforce Development. For more information, contact the Fort Dodge center at (515) 576-3131.

###