

NS2 Serves Receives Grant from Accenture for Veteran Employment Training Program

Grant to help fund and expand NS2 Serves Program

Rockville, MD—In July, NS2 Serves received a \$100,000 grant from Accenture, which will help contribute to the program's training and placing of veterans in high-tech careers. More than just a certification and job, NS2 Serves provides training for veterans in communication and presentation skills, weekly discussions with business mentors and career placement assistance.

NS2 Serves, a three-month in-residence program trains post 9/11 veterans in SAP software solutions that are used to support a variety of U.S. government agencies. Upon completion and graduation of the program, veterans earn "Certified SAP Associate" status—a very desirable and sought after certification in the Information Technology industry.

"I'm pleased to partner with a well established company like Accenture. Their generous grant demonstrates our shared commitment towards helping and improving lives of the men and women who have served this great county, upon their return," said Mark Testoni, CEO of SAP NS2, founder of NS2 Serves, and 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force. "The battle doesn't end when service members return home—for many it is instead when a new fight starts." Testoni explained that NS2 Serves is the type of program that needs to be readily available and accessible to assist our veterans as they transition out of service to civilian life.

To date, NS2 Serves has graduated 100 veterans, of which 89 have received job offers with very competitive starting salaries. Graduates of the program have started their careers in IT with leading companies and government agencies, including Accenture Federal, SAP National Security Services, SAP America, SRA International, HCL Technologies and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This grant will support NS2 Serves in their efforts to expand the reach of the program and train even more veterans, who are interested in pursuing IT careers.

About NS2 Serves™

NS2 Serves™ is an independent, nonprofit organization established by SAP National Security Services, Inc. (SAP NS2®) to give back to the community it serves – the people of the U.S. national security community. NS2 Serves offers valuable training and employment assistance to recent veterans who have served our country's national security needs. Full-time, paid participants are trained in world-class software solutions that support U.S. national security, leading to certifications that are valuable in many career paths in the U.S. and worldwide. Further details on the program and instructions on how to apply for the next round of the program are at www.NS2Serves.org.

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