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DELMARVA VETERAN BUILDERS SELECTED AS FINALIST FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TOP EMPLOYER AWARD

Delmarva Veteran Builders selected as a finalist from 2,424 nominations

SALISBURY, Md. – March 17, 2016 – Delmarva Veteran Builders, the region’s only commercial construction firm dedicated to bringing employment to U.S. Armed Forces Veterans, announced it has been selected as a finalist for the 2016 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, commonly referred to as the “Freedom Award.” The three Maryland employers of Guard and Reserve employees are among 139 semifinalists broken down into 48 large employers, 46 small employers, and 45 public sector employers.

The Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the DoD to employers for their support of National Guard and Reserve members. On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, ESGR organizes the annual award program, which has presented the honor to 220 employers since 1996. Each year, up to 15 awards are presented to employers in three categories – large (500 or more employees), small (fewer than 500 employees), and public sector.

“Serving and supporting our Veterans by providing employment opportunities is our mission,” said Chris Eccleston, Delmarva Veteran Builders. “We are honored to be included in the list of semifinalists and acknowledge all other businesses for their dedication and support to our U.S. Armed Forces Veterans.”

Almost half of the U.S. military is made up of National Guard and Reserve members, many of whom also hold jobs with civilian employers. The Freedom Award recognizes those employers that provide the most outstanding support for these Citizen Warriors. Employers selected for this year’s award will be honored at the Pentagon in an official ceremony in

This year’s finalist group is comprised of 11 large employers, 10 small employers, and 9 public sector employers.



"The 2016 Freedom Award finalists reflect the diversity in size and location of employers that provide outstanding support for Guard and Reserve members," said ESGR Executive Director Alex Baird. "These 30 finalists span the diversity of America's workforce and prove every employer, whether large, small, public, or private, can go above and beyond for our Citizen Warriors."

ESGR received 2,424 nominations for employers in all 50 states, Guam-CNMI, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia. This year's 30 finalists are expected to be announced in April, with the recipients being announced in late June. Updates, press releases and a complete list of the 2,424 nominees can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zuss7jj>.

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