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Canada Company and Military Family Services announce the launch of the Military Employment Transition Spouse (METSpouse) Program

April 1, 2016 (**Toronto, ON**) — On April 1st, Canada Company, the leader in military employment transition, in partnership with Military Family Services, will launch the METSpouse Program – a pilot program connecting the spouses of Active, Reserve and Retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces with vibrant, transportable careers.

Leveraging Canada Company's innovative Military Employment Transition (MET) program, METSpouse will focus on providing this untapped resource of highly skilled, adaptable and motivated employees with career training, mentorship opportunities and a database of mobile, portable and "telecommutable" jobs that fit the realities of being a military spouse.

"The METSpouse Program recognizes that the spouses of our military and Veterans face unique employment realities and challenges," said Canada Company President, Angela Mondou. "For Canada Company, METSpouse is a chance to put our expertise to work for the whole military family, and to create more opportunities for Canadian businesses to benefit from our remarkable military."

"The METSpouse Program will help military spouses find gainful and meaningful opportunities through an already established network of national employers. The Canadian Armed Forces applauds Canada Company's initiative in this area, given that spousal employment is a known challenge that needs focussed attention and innovative solutions," said Major-General Derek Joyce, Deputy Commander Military Personnel Command. "As a METSpouse Program employer partner, we not only benefit from the unique skill set and experiences military spouses can bring to our organization, but also from the training and resources designed to help us better understand their employment realities," said Kevin Ford, President and CEO of Calian. "Through METSpouse we are able to tap into a group of potential employees that are motivated to succeed and are very adaptable to workplace situations."

The METSpouse pilot program will be launched on April 1st, 2016, at The Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) of the National Capital Region in Ottawa, 330 Croil Private, Ottawa, ON, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. where spouses can register for the program and participate in a Career Connect job fair.

As part of the pilot, METSpouse is now available at select Military Family Resource Centres in seven regions across Canada, including Ottawa, Halifax, Montreal, Shilo, Toronto, Valcartier and Winnipeg.

For more information on METSpouse visit:

<https://www.canadacompany.ca/canadacompany/met/en/index.jsp>

About Canada Company:

Canada Company is a federally registered charity created in 2006 by Canadian businessman and Honorary Colonel, Blake Goldring M.S.M., LL.D., CFA. Canada Company takes pride in serving our country in many ways, celebrating our Military heroes, and their families, and fostering a mutually beneficial exchange between Canada's remarkable military tested resources and our innovative Canadian business community – helping create a Better Canada.

A trusted Program Builder, Canada Company offers the Military Employment Transition - MET Program; hosts the National Transition Symposium and Strategic Knowledge Exchange; and funds Scholarships for children of military members killed while serving on an active mission with the Canadian Armed Forces. To learn more visit: CanadaCompany.ca

About Military Family Services:

Military Family Services, a division of Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services, is mandated to support Canadian military families on behalf of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Department of National Defence. The Military Family Services Program has proudly supported military families for 25 years and is established to mitigate the challenges of a military lifestyle which is characterized by frequent separation, mobility and inherent risk. Military Family Services provides three access points for military families to access information and services — in person at local Military Family Resource Centres, by calling the 24/7 Family Information Line (1-800-866-4546) or online at www.familyforce.ca. Military Family Services works closely with a number of stakeholders, both within the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, and with the larger Canadian community to mobilize, deploy and sustain the network of support required to contribute to the well-being of military members and their families.

About Calian:

Calian has supported the Canadian military for over 25 years with a broad spectrum of services from health to systems engineering, training and IT solutions. Known for its unwavering commitment to customer satisfaction, Calian seeks to be the best company to work for, buy from and invest in. For further information, please visit our website at www.calian.com

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