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## Canada Company works with DND and VAC to build momentum on Military Employment Transition

**Montréal, October 28, 2014** – Almost a year after announcing its intent to hire 10,000 Canadian Armed Forces Veterans in 10 years, Canada Company’s Military Employment Transition (MET) program is building momentum in transitioning military members to civilian careers.

Tomorrow, more than 30 national and provincial companies and educational institutions will gather in Montréal with one common goal—to hire transitioning Canadian Armed Forces members and Veterans. Fully supported by the Department of National Defence/Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Canada, this exclusive Employer Coalition job fair is hosted by Canada Company as part of their MET Program. Veterans, reservists and current-serving members transitioning from full-time military duty to civilian careers will attend the job fair.

Additionally, the 10,000 Jobs Coalition, under Canada Company’s MET Program has released its latest results, announcing that its members have hired more than 400 CAF members and Veterans in the first nine months of 2014. The Coalition, which has more than doubled in size over the past year to 116 employer partners, is working toward finding employment for 10,000 Veterans by 2023.

The Canada Company MET Coalition continues to grow and expand, welcoming new employers from across Canada to join the effort to hire transitioning CAF members and Veterans, and reinforcing relationships with the Department of National Defence, the CAF, and Veterans Affairs Canada.

“Military men and women possess some amazing qualities that Corporate Canada needs,” said Blake Goldring, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AGF Management Limited, and Founder and Chairman of Canada Company. “Canada Company is proud to be partnered with the Department of National Defence, the Canadian Armed Forces, and Veterans Affairs Canada on an initiative as important as the successful employment transition of military members and Veterans.”

“Our Government is ensuring that the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces receive the support, care and recognition they deserve during and after their transition,” said the Honourable Rob Nicholson, Minister of National Defence. “Our continued partnership with Canada Company and the MET portal will help releasing CAF personnel and Veterans in their transition to civilian life by helping them obtain meaningful and rewarding employment.”

“In recognition of their service to Canada, we are committed to using a variety of tools to support Canada’s Veterans and their families as they transition to civilian life, which includes securing a rewarding new career,” said the Honourable Julian Fantino, Minister of Veterans Affairs. “Veterans Affairs Canada is pleased to partner with the Department of National Defence and Canada Company in



the Military Employment Transition program, which will provide a functional and effective one-stop-shop for Veterans seeking new employment opportunities.”

For more information on how to join the Canada Company MET coalition and to see the full list of Coalition members, visit <http://bit.ly/WLXqke>

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### **About Canada Company**

Canada Company is a federally registered charity created in 2006 which brings community leaders from across Canada together to support members of our Military in the work that they do at home and abroad. The organization is apolitical and is an advocate for Canadians who serve, or wish to serve, in the Canadian Forces—Regular and Reserve—and their families, ensuring that they receive the widest possible support, recognition and care. Canada Company’s motto is *Many Ways to Serve*. Visit [canadacompany.ca](http://canadacompany.ca).

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