

Military Vets Excel in Construction: Here's Why



It's a good time to acknowledge the important role veterans play in the construction industry. Vets are often great candidates for the construction industry. Many of the skills learned in the military transfer to construction, such as teamwork skills and attention to detail. With the right opportunity, military vets can excel in a construction career, perhaps more than any other group. Here are some of the best reasons vets make great candidates for the construction field.

Structured Environments

Military vets are used to working in a highly structured environment. This helps them meet deadlines and budget requirements. They also tend to be punctual and reliable. Despite being used to structure, most veterans are used to dealing with unexpected changes and can still be flexible and resilient in the face of uncertainty.

Open to Direction

Veterans are great at taking guidance and following directions. This makes them some of the easiest professionals to train. In the

construction industry, there are often new technology and procedures introduced. Vets will be able to learn these new technologies faster than most. They also tend to thrive on challenge. They want to test themselves and improve their skills.

Excel at Teamwork

Vets are used to working in teams and collaborating with others. The military is mission-oriented. When working construction, they understand that their mission is to complete the project on time and on budget, and they understand that the best way to accomplish this is to work together. They also know the importance of supporting and building up their team members. The success of a construction project relies on collaboration, coordination, and cooperation.

Attention to Detail

Most veterans have excellent attention to detail. They care about quality and will take the time to make sure the work is done right. They understand that what makes a construction project successful are the small details.

In the military, one missed detail can cause a whole mission to fail, so vets have to be meticulous.

Safety Conscious

Vets have a lot of experience working in hazardous environments. They value safety and will pay close attention to make sure they're adhering to safety regulations. There are many hazards in construction so you want someone who is safety-minded. They often have excellent focus, as well, which also improves workplace safety. Vets are less likely to make mistakes that put themselves and their team members in danger.

The construction industry needs skilled talent. Appealing to military vets is a great way to start closing the skill gap. By highlighting training and connecting with a recruiter that works with military veterans, you can improve your chances of attracting vets to your company or construction firm.

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Contract No. C0980 RFP No. 120RC

Bid Date: June 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

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We will be accepting BIDS on June 15th 2020 @ 12:00 PM.

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SUBMISSIONS OF PROPOSALS & QUESTIONS:

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 SFUSD Project #11903**

BID DATE: June 16, 2020 @ 2:00pm

ESTIMATE: \$12,500,000

CONTACT:

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U.S. EPA Awards \$1.19 million for Small California Businesses to Develop Environmental Technologies

A total of \$3 million was awarded nationwide, with four of the nine awardees in California

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced \$3 million in funding for nine small businesses across the country to further develop and commercialize technologies to protect the environment. The funded technologies are focused on clean and safe water, air quality monitoring, land revitalization, sustainable materials management, and safer chemicals. In California, four businesses were awarded a total of \$1,199,919 for the development of environmental technologies.

“We must meet our country’s most pressing environmental concerns with innovative solutions,” said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “The funding provided by EPA will allow these small businesses to pursue solutions to environmental challenges, including removing PFAS from water and soil and monitoring air quality during wildfires.”

“California businesses are developing cutting-edge technologies to help protect human health and the environment,” said EPA Pacific Southwest Regional Administrator John Busterud.

These nine small businesses are each receiving Phase II funding of up to \$300,000 from EPA’s Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. Phase II companies that obtain qualifying third-party investments are also eligible for a commercialization option which provides an additional \$100,000. These companies were each previously awarded a Phase I contract of \$100,000 to develop innovative environmental technologies and are now receiving a Phase II award to further advance and commercialize the technology.

In San Francisco, AethLabs is working to develop an integrated black carbon, particulate matter, and carbon dioxide sensor platform for real-time identification and analysis of emissions from wildfires. This real-time monitoring device can help identify the type and intensity of emissions from wildfires under rapidly changing conditions.

“AethLabs is excited to continue development of its multi-sensor, multi-pollutant air quality instrumentation platform to meet the needs of wildfire emission and ambient air monitoring,” said Jeff Blair, CEO of AethLabs. “This Phase II SBIR will help AethLabs to further develop this technology which we intend to commercialize and rapidly bring to market.”

KWJ Engineering Incorporated, a Newark, Calif. based business, is developing and field-testing a lightweight sensor package that monitors air qual-



ity and pollution from wildland fires. These sensors can be deployed in a variety of ways to measure air pollutants from wildfires. This technology could be worn by personnel, used for perimeter monitoring or deployed on drones.

“We are extremely pleased to receive this grant and excited to continue developing this advanced, low cost environmental monitoring technology,” said Ed Stetter, KWJ Engineering Inc. General Manager, CFO. “We know this technology has the potential to improve the health and wellbeing of people and the environment, and we look forward to bringing it to market.”

Intellisense Systems, Inc., of Torrance, Calif., is developing a portable sensing device to measure and track wildland fire air pollution. This sensor is a small, solar-powered unit capable of storing and reporting data from remote locations. The unit does not require hardline power and enables the user to deploy a robust network of air-quality sensors rapidly and at low cost.

“Persistent air-quality monitoring has become more urgent and important as the incidence of wildfires continue to increase near populated

areas,” said Frank Willis, CEO of Intellisense Systems. “We appreciate the financial commitment from the EPA, through the SBIR program, to further this technology development and bridge this gap in the current pollutant monitoring ecosystem.”

In San Diego, 2WiTech Solutions, LLC (2WiTech) will use funds to optimize and scale-up a low-cost, field-ready sensing technology to detect trace amounts of certain potentially harmful per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in water. By using a unique analytical technique, this device will measure the concentration of these fluorocarbons in water down to 10 parts per trillion.

“To overcome drawbacks associated with current lab-based PFAS water tests (high cost and long turnaround time), 2WiTech develops a low-cost fieldable sensing technology for detecting trace amounts of PFOA and PFOS in water down to 10 ppt.” said Qingwu (King) Wang, President of 2WiTech. “This EPA funding will expedite the development and commercialization processes and quickly bring this technology to market.”

EPA’s SBIR funding promotes local economies by empowering small businesses across the country to create jobs while developing novel environmental technologies. Phase II funding is specifically aimed at supporting these companies to bring their technologies to the marketplace. Since 1982, EPA’s SBIR program has provided over \$189 million to 635 small businesses to develop technologies to solve the most pressing environmental problems. Approximately 29% of funded projects reported a growth in sales that exceeded five times the initial EPA funding.

EPA is one of 11 federal agencies that participate in the SBIR program, a competitive award-based program that supports small businesses to explore technological solutions with the ultimate goal of successful commercialization of those innovations. This program stimulates the economy while meeting the country’s research and development needs.

For more information on EPA’s SBIR Phase II recipients, visit: https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/recipients.display/rfa_id/665/records_per_page/ALL

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