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Guardian Engineering and Manufacturing Family of Companies based in Illinois Joins the "Illinois Hires Heroes Consortium"

Woodstock, IL – We are proud to announce that the Illinois based Guardian Engineering and Manufacturing companies consisting of: Guardian Electric Manufacturing, Advanced Molding Technologies (AMT) and Flex-Weld Incorporated have joined the Illinois Hires Heroes Consortium.

The Illinois Hires Heroes Consortium (IHHC) is a group of elite Illinois employers who recognize the great value veterans bring to the workplace and operationalize the term "veteran-friendly" by implementing veteran recruitment, training and retention practices. Members of the Consortium are Illinois employers who commit to at least three initiatives – one relating to recruitment, one relating to HR training, and one relating to retention and support practices.

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) will actively assist participants in meeting the simple goals that will lead the employer on the path to recruiting and retaining high-quality veteran candidates. Employers will be publicly recognized by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn and will be allowed to use the Illinois Hires Heroes logo to market themselves as veteran-friendly.

Employers can join the Illinois Hires Heroes Consortium at:

www.illinoishiresheroes.com.

If you have any questions about the IHHC, feel free to contact the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) or the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). These staff are specifically tasked to help you better understand and effectively implement veteran-friendly practices.

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About us: Guardian Engineering and Manufacturing is made up of 4 diverse manufacturing companies: Guardian Electric Manufacturing, Flex-Weld Incorporated, Western Consolidated Technologies and Advanced Molding Technologies. Products manufactured by the 4 companies include: motion control grips, solenoids, switches, relays, metal bellows, expansion joints, braided hose assemblies, Insert molded parts, injection molded parts, PTFE compression molded parts, machined plastic parts, rubber and silicone molded parts. We serve a wide variety of industries and applications. Our expertise is in the design and manufacture of custom products to meet our each of our customers' individual needs.