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Live Well San Diego Partnership,

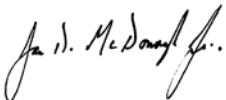
The Institute for Veterans and Military families respectfully requests consideration of the Institute as a Live Well Partner. The IVMF mission is to advance the post service lives of America's service members, veterans and their families by serving individuals, organizations and communities through programs, services, research, policy & evaluation. IVMF, through its research and programs is an innovative, high performing and efficient organization which exists to serve those who have served.

Among our numerous programs and services is Onward to Opportunity (O2O), which is currently offered at Camp Pendleton, CA. O2O, funded through the generosity of the Schultz Family Foundation, delivers civilian career training and employment services to eligible active duty service members up to six months prior to their transition date, members of the Selected Reserve, spouses and veterans. O2O combines industry-validated curricula, strong partnerships, and comprehensive career coaching and interview matching assistance to connect program participants with civilian job opportunities.

O2O also partners with leading veteran service organizations and private sector companies to identify employers committed to training and hiring veterans. O2O's employer partners benefit by engaging military talent earlier in their recruitment pipeline that's trained to meet their skill needs. This program is designed to build awareness of the soft and hard skills necessary to succeed in different industries while also making the crucial first connection with employers in these industries that are eager to hire.

O2O currently operates at eight military installations across the country and one military community (Jacksonville Naval Community). The program is expanding to five additional locations by the summer of 2017 and current participants have access to over 250 employers. As we expand nationwide, a partnership with The Live Well initiative is an excellent opportunity to build and expand our partnerships with a proven community organization in order to continue to better serve transitioning service members, their families and veterans. Thank you in advance for this opportunity and your consideration of IVMF as a community partner.

Sincerely,



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