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### **NPower Establishes Regional Advisory Board for San Francisco Area IT Training and Job Placement Program for Veterans and Veteran Spouses**

*Initial board members include executives from Accenture, Deloitte, Game Changers Silicon Valley, Korn Ferry, Mozilla, Nova Workforce, QuinStreet, Robert Half and Splunk.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – April 27, 2017 – NPower, a national nonprofit providing free technology training and job placement assistance, announces today the launch of a regional advisory board for NPower California (NPower CA). The region, which has offices and training centers in San Mateo and Alameda, serves military veterans and veteran spouses.

“The decision to establish a regional advisory board is rooted in our deep belief that success for our students is dependent upon a strong network of committed partners,” said Bertina Ceccarelli, Chief Executive Officer of NPower. “We will rely on our local regional advisory board members to support our program in many ways, including sharing expertise and advocating for NPower within the corporate and government communities and identifying and cultivating funding and engagement opportunities for our programs.”

“Our preliminary goal in establishing a regional advisory board is two-fold,” said Dann Bergman, Regional Director of NPower CA, “First, our board will identify the skills needed today and in the future for a successful career in technology so that NPower can offer curricula that gets our students job-ready. Second, our board members will help us grow NPower’s CA reach and funding.” A number of members have engaged with NPower for several years as volunteer mentors and employers of paid internships for graduates.

Regional board members are senior leaders in related fields aligned with NPower’s vision who understand how technology training can change the trajectory of a veteran’s career and benefit their families. Representatives have strong regional networks from diverse industries and backgrounds including: corporate, government, education, nonprofit and technology workforce development fields. Recruitment for the board is ongoing. Current members have begun to prioritize issues, topics and challenges affecting the development and sustainability of the regional program as well as provide strategic focus and leadership.

NPower CA offers the NPower core IT training program in San Mateo and advanced training programs in Alameda. Training is followed by paid internship placements and job placement assistance. Both programs are offered to veterans and veteran spouses free of charge.

#### NPower California Regional Advisory Board Members:

**Bob Concannon/** Senior Client Partner/ Korn Ferry. Bob Concannon is a Senior Client Partner within the San Francisco office of Korn/Ferry International and a member of the Firm’s CIO/ IT Officers Practice.



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**Jim Connor**/ Executive Producer/ Game Changers Silicon Valley ( [www.GameChangers.TV](http://www.GameChangers.TV) ). He serves as a board member of Liftopia, Tabor, KMVT Silicon Valley Media, the Angel Capital Association and Startup Learning.

**Alicia Johnson**/ Managing Director/ Accenture Operations. Accenture is a leading global professional services company that provides a range of services and solutions in strategy, consulting, digital, technology and operations.

**Troy Johnson**/ Managing Director, Western Region Information Technology Services/ Deloitte is one of the Big Four accounting firms and the largest professional services firm in the world by revenue and number of employees. Deloitte provides Audit, Tax, Consulting and Advisory services.

**Corey Marshall**/ Director, Splunk4Good/ Splunk. Splunk, provider of the leading software platform for real-time Operational Intelligence, was founded to pursue a disruptive new vision: make machine data accessible, usable and valuable to everyone.

**Sean Miner**/ Executive Creative Director and Head of User Experience/ QuinStreet, the leader in digital performance marketing products and technologies.

**Sean Perry**/ Chief Information Officer/ Robert Half. Responsible for global technology delivery. Robert Half is the world's first and largest specialized staffing firm, providing skilled professionals in the fields of finance, technology, and more.

**Kris Stadelman**/ Director/ NOVA Workforce Board, an award-winning, top-ranked workforce board with a tradition of high performance, innovation and nimble customized responses to the labor market in the Silicon Valley.

**Sylvie Veilleux**/ VP Information Technologies and Enterprise Information Security/ Mozilla's mission is to ensure the internet is a global public resource, open and accessible to all.

### About NPower

NPower creates pathways to economic prosperity by launching digital careers for military veterans and young adults from underserved communities. We empower under-represented talent to pursue tech futures by teaching the digital and professional skills demanded by the marketplace and by engaging corporations, volunteers and nonprofits in the long-term success of our students. Over 80% of NPower graduates are employed full time or enrolled in higher education within one year of completing our program, which is offered at no cost to qualified students.

NPower envisions a future where our domestic technology workforce is diverse and where clear pathways exist for all people regardless of ethnicity, gender or socio-economic background to succeed in our digital economy. For more information, visit [NPower.org](http://NPower.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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