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**NPower Technology Service Corps North Texas
Graduates Its Third Class of Armed-Forces Veterans**

DALLAS (December 15, 2014) –Twenty-nine proud U.S. Armed Forces veterans graduated on December 10th from NPower’s Technology Service Corps North Texas - an innovative, veteran-focused technology careers training program. Five of these new program graduates were selected to receive special awards by NPower corporate and foundation partners. President and Director of Siblings Group Holdings, Dave Saba, a Naval Academy graduate, gave the commencement address. The graduation was hosted by JPMorgan Chase and Co. which dedicates over 5 million dollars in funding to support their *Skills to Work* initiative in Texas.

An estimated 300,000 service members including Guard and Reserves will leave the military each year over the next five years. Through NPower’s Mission NPower mobilizes the tech community and provides individuals, nonprofits and schools opportunities to build tech skills and achieve their potential. In North Texas, NPower is committed to building brighter futures for military veterans by offering access and opportunity to develop tech skills to help them achieve greater potential.

Through the Technology Service Corps program, graduates participated in 12 weeks of intensive class-based training, learning skills such as installing, configuring and troubleshooting computer hardware and software and providing web design and maintenance. Based on the Cisco Networking Academy this rigorous curriculum prepares program graduates for employment in a range of technology positions, including technical, business and project analysis. Instruction during Week 13 includes a three-day ServiceNow Administrator training and additional interviewing support.

In the final seven weeks, the Technology Service Corps graduates completed apprenticeships with program partners, including, Citi, Dallas County Community College District, Deloitte, New Vision, TD Ameritrade and other leading companies and nonprofits. Additionally, support of NPower’s Technology Service Corps North Texas program has been generously provided by JPMorgan Chase & Co., Citi, Dallas Community

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College District, HP, and PepsiCo. Support from foundations includes Blackstone Charitable Foundation, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, ORIX Foundation, Prudential Foundation, Swords to Plowshares, USAA, SIM DFW and United Way of Metropolitan Dallas.

Executives from NPower partnering companies and foundations presented the following awards to select graduating veterans:

- TD Ameritrade Commitment to Excellence Award: Curtis J. LeBlanc, II, U.S. Army Reserves
- Citi Innovation Award: Byron J. Cooper, U.S. Air Force
- Cognizant Serving Those Who Serve Award: Luke Lu, U. S. Marine Corps
- JPMC Leadership and Community Service Award: Marvin Grant, U.S. Army
- United Way of Metropolitan Dallas Performance Award: Jimmy Jimenez: U.S. Army

Stephanie Cuskley, NPower Chief Executive Officer, spoke with enthusiasm about the graduation, saying, “On behalf of NPower’s Board of Directors, staff and many corporate and foundation partners, we are so excited to see our third class graduate and enter the workforce in North Texas community. This is a great example of the tech community coming together to help veterans achieve brighter futures through careers in the tech industry.”

Technology Service Corps North Texas is currently accepting applications for its fourth class of veterans. Learn more about eligibility requirements and how to apply at: www.npower.org.

About NPower and Technology Service Corps:

NPower mobilizes the tech community and provides individuals, nonprofits, and schools opportunities to build tech skills and achieve their potential. Technology Service Corps builds brighter futures for underserved young adults and veterans by providing free technology and professional skills training, mentoring, internships and employment services. Founded in New York City in 2002, Technology Service Corps has since graduated over 900 young adults and veterans. While NPower North Texas serves 100 veterans per year, the nonprofit organization also expanded this Fall in the San Francisco Bay Area to serve veterans and in Toronto to help underserved young adults.

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