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

DALLAS (June 16, 2015) –Forty-nine proud U.S. Armed Forces veterans graduated 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 program partners.

An alarming 160,000 Gulf War-era II veterans are unemployed in the United States. NPower’s mission is to mobilize the tech community and provide individuals, nonprofits and schools opportunities to build tech skills and achieve their potential. The North Texas office of NPower is focused on improving veteran lives and provides free tech career training and services to help them achieve greater potential.

Through the Technology Service Corps 20 week 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. Week 13 included a three-day ServiceNow Administrator training and additional interviewing support.

In the final seven weeks, Technology Service Corps graduates completed apprenticeships with program partners, including, Citi, Dallas County Community College District, CA Technologies, 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 College District, HP, and PepsiCo. Support from foundations includes Blackstone Charitable Foundation, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, ORIX Foundation, Prudential Foundation, Sid W. Richardson Foundation, Swords to Plowshares, USAA, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and Verizon.

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

- TD Ameritrade Commitment to Excellence Award: Chris “Jason” Sallas
- Citi Innovation Award: Darrel Sawyer
- Beacon Hill Serving Those Who Serve Award: Jason DeMoines
- JPMC Leadership and Community Service Award: Tiffany Johnson
- Dallas County Community College District Performance Award: Sujan Mulepati

Bob Nicholson, Acting Regional Director, NPower North Texas, spoke with energy about the graduation, saying, “We are thrilled to see our fourth graduating class in North Texas take this next step in their careers. Veterans and the tech community in this region are really coming together in exciting ways.”

Technology Service Corps North Texas is currently accepting applications for its fifth 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. Technology Service Corps has graduated over 1,000 young adults and veterans. While NPower North Texas serves 100 veterans per year, the nonprofit organization also recently opened programs in the San Francisco Bay Area to serve veterans and in Toronto to help underserved young adults.

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