

## 2023 Vets Ready Employer Awards

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***Seventeen employers honored for exemplary commitment to hiring and supporting veterans.***

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today announced the 2023 winners of the Vets Ready Employer Initiative. The award recognizes Wisconsin employers who have gone above and beyond in efforts to hire and support veterans and their families.



“Our nation’s heroes have given so much in service to our country and often face unique obstacles when they return home, including in finding family-supporting employment,” said Gov. Evers. “Veterans bring invaluable and tremendous assets to the workplace, and I commend these Vets Ready employers for their work to hire and support veterans. This distinction will help elevate the work of these employers and give them the competitive edge in recruiting and retaining veterans.”

The Vets Ready Employer Initiative encourages employers to build a support system within their workplace, hire and retain more veterans, and connect to veterans in the community and

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their families. Every year, the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and its Office of Veteran Employment Services (OVES) recognize businesses with either a gold or silver certification in one of three categories: small, medium, and large. Award program partners include the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), Wisconsin Department of Disabled American Veterans, and the Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce.

“Employers that demonstrate exemplary support for the veteran community have a winning formula for success for their business and for the community,” said DWD Secretary Amy Pechacek. “We are proud to honor these employers through the Vets Ready Employer Initiative.”

Award-winning employers are prompted by DWD staff, veteran agencies and organizations, and workforce partners through resources such as [DWD's website](#). Additionally, winners are highlighted as a Vets Ready employer on

[JobCenterofWisconsin.com](http://JobCenterofWisconsin.com)

and recognized with a special icon on

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to indicate the employer's Vets Ready status. Winners are also given a Vets Ready Winner emblem to include on the company's website and presented a certificate on behalf of the governor.

An unprecedented 17 employers are being honored this year at events in Milwaukee and Oshkosh. The 2023 awardees include:

### **Large**

Gold Certification

Deloitte LLP, Madison

Oshkosh Corp., Oshkosh

Rockwell Automation, Milwaukee

TDS Telecom, Madison

WE Energies, Milwaukee

WI Physicians Services Insurance Co., Madison

Xcel Energy, Milwaukee

Silver Certification

4imprint, Oshkosh

Del Monte Foods, Plover

Frank Beverage Group, Madison

Kimberly-Clark, Neenah

Menasha Corp., Neenah

### **Medium**

Silver Certification

Kingsbury Inc., Oshkosh

Worthington Cylinders, Chilton

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### **Small**

Gold Certification  
Grant County, Lancaster  
MCC Inc., Appleton

Silver Certification  
Northwood Technical College, Rice Lake

Additional details about the Vets Ready Employer Initiative, including answers to common questions about the program, are available online [here](#).