



**PRESS RELEASE: Ferris Offering Veterans Transportation to Detroit Job Fair**

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Included below is a press release detailing a bus being sponsored by Ferris State University to facilitate free transportation of veterans to a hiring fair that will feature thousands of federal and private job sector opportunities at Cobo Center in Detroit on Wednesday, June 27. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

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<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2012/june/veterans.htm>

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**BIG RAPIDS** – Ferris State University will provide area veterans with free transportation to a hiring fair featuring thousands of federal and private sector job opportunities.

The VA for Vets Veteran Hiring Fair, hosted by the Department of Veterans Affairs, is Wednesday, June 27 at Cobo Center in Detroit. Ferris is providing a charter bus to take veteran students and veterans in the Big Rapids community to the event as well as providing two meals. “This is an opportunity for Ferris to give back to our veteran community,” said Adam Forbes, the university’s veterans program specialist.

Forbes will accompany veterans on the bus, which is scheduled to leave at 6 a.m. from Lot 3 on campus and return at about 8 p.m. Parking has been arranged.

More than 30 federal employers and 100 private-sector employers are expected to attend the free hiring fair, which will include employment opportunities in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

In addition to on-site interviews with hiring managers, veterans can get one-on-one career coaching, attend classes on resume building and interview techniques, enroll in benefits and services through the Post 9/11 GI Bill and learn more about additional veteran assistance programs.

Ferris is partnering with Michigan Works! West Central to provide the opportunity for student veterans and community members who have served in the armed forces.

“We are very excited about this opportunity for veterans in our area,” said Michelle Herron,

business services director with Michigan Works! West Central. “Being able to do this for our veterans, to help them reintegrate into the workforce, is something we feel very strongly about. “Not only will this job fair put veterans in touch with companies that are hiring, but also help them translate their military skills into workplace skills that employers can relate to. It’s much more than your average job fair.”

Veterans interested in attending the event can reserve a seat on the bus by calling Michigan Works’ Big Rapids Service Center at (800) 398-7992.

Veterans will need proof of military status to enter. For more information and to register, visit: [http://vaforvets.va.gov/veterans/aboutva/hiringevents/Pages/EVENT\\_Detroit\\_June2012.aspx](http://vaforvets.va.gov/veterans/aboutva/hiringevents/Pages/EVENT_Detroit_June2012.aspx)

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