

# Veterans' Bridge To Work Initiative



## Employment and Training Program for Veterans and Wounded Warriors Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

With thousands of veterans living in the Washington, DC metropolitan area who are visually impaired and blind, many require additional assistance and services to secure and maintain employment. Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, serving the blind and visually impaired, created the Veterans' Bridge to Work Initiative to address these unmet needs. Indeed, employment is essential to maintaining independence for those who are visually impaired or blind and Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind is here to help!

### The Veterans' Bridge to Work Initiative will:

- Ensure that veterans who are visually impaired or blind that want to be employed have the skills, resources and training they need to succeed.
- Increase the placement of these veterans into jobs.

### Suite of Services

The Veterans' Bridge to Work Initiative will supply high quality and effective workforce development training services to veterans who are visually impaired or blind ensuring that they are "job ready." Services include:

- Low Vision Care
- Career Assessments
- Assistive Technology Assessments and Training
- Resume Writing and Skill Building
- Interviewing Practice
- Job Development, Placement and Retention
- Computer Training
- Orientation and Mobility Training
- Independent Living Skills
- Case Management



## Employer

- Hire highly-skilled professionals who have been trained on adaptive devices, enabling them to work independently.
- Gain access to assistive technology that can be placed in the workplace.
- Take advantage of employer-related services offered by the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind.
- Enjoy the satisfaction of serving, through employment, those who have served our country.

## Veteran

- Participate in job preparation training to secure employment.
- Learn how skills obtained during military service can be applied in a civilian workplace.
- Access a specially trained case manager who will assess your current skills and training needs.
- Obtain group or one-on-one training on assistive technology.
- Consult with our rehabilitation professionals who can help you adjust to low vision or blindness and teach you daily living techniques.
- Receive vision care services.

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