



The Crane Learning & Employment Center for Veterans with Disabilities

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Learning & Employment Center for Veterans with Disabilities to Open

The Crane Learning & Employment Center for Veterans with Disabilities (CLEC) will open this fall. It will be the first comprehensive program of its kind in the U. S. to help veterans with disabilities re-enter the workforce. The project will commence as a 12-18 month pilot project. The CLEC administrative staff will be co-located with EG&G Technical Services Inc in their facility in the new Westgate @ Crane Technology Park.

Participating veterans will receive paid, on-the-job training and customized post-secondary education. Upon successful completion, each veteran will be offered a permanent job at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane in southwest Indiana, which will house the program.

Crane Technology, Inc. (CTI) will manage the center. "This will be the first program of its kind," CTI President Nyle Riegler said. "If the pilot project is successful, CLEC could serve as a national model for helping U. S. veterans."

Fifteen to 20 participants will take part in the pilot program, which received financial support from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

CLEC is the result of many organizations working together to close gaps in meeting the needs of returning U. S. combat troops. Among Crane Technology, Inc.'s partnering organizations are: Naval Support Activity Crane/Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Indianapolis Regional Office, Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Vincennes University, Ivy Tech Community College, the Family and Social Services Administration / Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, and the Indiana Economic Growth Region 8 Workforce Board.

The center will facilitate access to comprehensive services including medical care, housing, transportation, workforce education, supported living, and supported employment.

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