AT&T Continues Hiring Drive In Ohio; About 300 Jobs Currently Available; Military Veterans Sought Thursday, January 16, 2014 03:03:00 PM (GMT)

Nearly 840 Ohioans hired by AT&T in past year as consumer demand for wireless and broadband grows; positions available in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, Youngstown and more

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 16, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- AT&T* today announced that the company is seeking applicants to fill about 300 jobs in Ohio, including nearly 200 new jobs. The positions will be primarily focused on customer service, retail and technician positions and are a result of AT&T's continued investment in Ohio. In the first ten months of 2013, AT&T hired nearly 840 Ohioans to meet continued growth of wireless and broadband services in the state.

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As a part of its hiring drive in Ohio and across the country, AT&T is looking to hire 10,000 military veterans and their families in the next five years. The company has established a Military Talent Attraction team, which focuses on promoting AT&T's career opportunities to veterans and educating managers across AT&T on the benefits of hiring military veterans.

"I'm happy to see AT&T increasing their infrastructure and workforce investment in Ohio by directly investing in our military veterans. They're a company that clearly recognizes the unique skills that veterans have to offer in any number of fields," said Timothy C. Gorrell, Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services. "Jobs in the communications industry offer a great opportunity for veterans to showcase what they can do. Both AT&T and our state will be well served to see veterans counted in the numbers of Ohioans hired by the company."

In the first half of 2013, AT&T invested more than \$225 million in its networks in Ohio. The investments included deployment of new macro cell sites, small cells and Distributed Antenna Systems across the state as a part of AT&T's Project Velocity IP, a three-year investment plan announced in 2012 to expand and enhance its IP broadband networks. The company also expanded and enhanced its 4G LTE network, which provides ultra-fast mobile Internet speeds, and deployed new Wi-Fi hot spots.

The first half 2013 network investment builds on the more than \$1.5 billion that AT&T invested in its Ohio wireless and wired networks from 2010 through 2012.

AT&T jobs are among the best in the world and full- and part-time positions include competitive wages and benefits. AT&T currently employs nearly 7,000 employees throughout Ohio and consistently hires new talent. AT&T is regularly recognized for training and development programs that are among the best in the country, and invested about \$280 million training employees and about \$26.6 million in tuition aid during 2012. AT&T is committed to and has been recognized for diversity and veteran recruiting.

Hiring our nation's heroes is a priority for our company. In April 2013, we announced that we are stepping up our veteran recruiting efforts with the goal of hiring 5,000 veterans and their family members into career opportunities over the next five years, consistent with our commitment to equal employment opportunities.

More than 3,600 veterans have already started new careers at AT&T across the country in 2013. And with veterans' skills proving to be a good fit for the company's needs, AT&T is doubling its hiring goal for veterans and their family members to 10,000 over the next five years, consistent with its commitment to equal employment opportunities.

About 55 percent of the veterans hired by AT&T in 2013 made their transition to the private sector as technicians. Project Velocity IP, the company's investment plan to expand and enhance its IP broadband networks, is driving technician hiring needs.

Other veterans and their family members are finding positions across AT&T as IT professionals, retail and call center representatives, project managers, financial analysts, supply chain managers and more. And a select corps of junior officers and college-educated noncommissioned officers are being recruited into AT&T leadership development programs.

The self-discipline, teamwork and skills gained as a member of the armed forces allows for a successful transition to a career with AT&T, where many of those same values are part of our everyday culture. The program has been recognized by Electronic Recruiting Exchange as the Best Military Talent Program, and AT&T is included in the G.I. Jobs 2013 Top Military Friendly Employers, our eighth year on that list.

"AT&T continues to expand its customer base in Ohio and invest in our network to ensure we are providing the high level of service customers have come to expect of the nation's fastest and most reliable 4G LTE network," said Adam Grzybicki, President of AT&T Ohio. "As part our commitment to this level of customer service and to support our growth in Ohio we are pleased to have the opportunity to welcome about 300 Ohioans to the AT&T family."

To see the available positions in Ohio and to apply for open positions, please visit <u>connect.att.jobs/Ohio</u>. Military veterans can learn more about <u>careers at AT&T here</u>.

Over the past five years, AT&T invested nearly \$98 billion into operations across the U.S., more than any other public company. In a July 2012 report, the Progressive Policy Institute ranked AT&T No. 1 on its list of U.S. "Investment Heroes."

For more information about AT&T's coverage in Ohio or anywhere in the U.S., consumers can visit the <u>AT&T Coverage Viewer</u>. Using the online tool, AT&T customers can measure quality of coverage from a street address, intersection, ZIP code or even a landmark. For updates on the AT&T wireless network, please visit the <u>AT&T network news</u> page.

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