AT&T Investment Leads To 116 Jobs Available In Kentucky; Military Veterans Sought Monday, January 13, 2014 05:01:00 AM (GMT)

AT&T adding to Kentucky workforce of more than 3,000

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 13, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>AT&T</u>* today announced that the company will hire workers for 116 jobs in Kentucky, including 34 new jobs. The positions to be filled are technicians, retail support and call center representatives and are a result of AT&T's continued investment in Kentucky.

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"Growing Kentucky jobs has always been priority one as we work to strengthen our economy," said Governor Steve Beshear. "By making Kentucky a place where companies want to invest and expand their operations, we're able to provide greater opportunity for our children and grandchildren."

AT&T invested nearly \$110 million its Kentucky wireless and wireline networks in the first half of 2013. 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 last fall 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.

"Consumer demand is driving our investment in new technologies," said AT&T Kentucky President Hood Harris. "As part of our commitment to customer service and to support our Kentucky growth, we are pleased to have the opportunity to welcome 116 more Kentuckians to the AT&T family."

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 more than 3,000 employees throughout Kentucky 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. 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 made their transition to the private sector as technicians last year. 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.

More information on AT&T job openings in Kentucky can be found at http://connect.att.jobs/kentucky-jobs. Military veterans can learn more about careers at AT&T here.

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 Kentucky 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,

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