# Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board

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## **Information Bulletin**

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To: All Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board Providers of Services

From: Pam Lassetter, Assistant Director

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**Subject: Gold Card Initiative for Post 9/11 Era Veterans** 

**Applicable Program: ALL** 

On November 4, 2011, the Department of Labor (DOL) released a Training and Employment Notice announcing the Gold Card initiative. The Gold Card initiative is a joint effort of the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS). ETA and VETS have developed a suite of enhanced Gold Card intensive services to address the barriers to employment faced by post 9-11 era veterans. Information about this new initiative can be found on the following DOL website: <a href="http://www.dol.gov/vets/goldcard.html">http://www.dol.gov/vets/goldcard.html</a>.

At the web site, veterans will be able to print a Gold Card (see sample on page 2) and get information on how to access available services offered at One Stop locations. EDD staff will provide Gold Card intensive services for all eligible veterans seeking Gold Card services at any of the Fresno County One Stop locations. To ensure that all eligible veterans received appropriate services, One Stop staff will follow the following referral processes:

Manchester Comprehensive Site: WIA staff will contact the Veterans Services Navigator (VSN) for all veterans seeking Gold Card service

Workforce Connection satellite sites: WIA staff will provide a written referral to any veteran seeking Gold Card services to the following EDD Veteran Employment Service Specialist:

David Padilla 3302 N. Blackstone Ave, Suite 155 Fresno, CA

Telephone: 445-6734

Veterans in need of additional intensive and/or training services will be referred to the One Stop for WIA services on an as needed basis.

### THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

# **GOLD CARD**

### **SERVICES FOR POST 9/11 ERA VETERANS**

The One Stop Career Centers are ready to provide you intensive services for up to a six month period through an exciting array of career and supportive services to include:

- Case management
- Skills assessment and interest surveys
- Career guidance
- Job search assistance



### **HOW TO ACCESS GOLD CARD SERVICES?**

- Information about Gold Card Services can be found at www.dol.gov/vets/goldcard.html.
- Locate your nearest One Stop Career Center by going to America's Service Locator www.servicelocator.org or by calling Toll-Free 1-877-US2-JOBS (1-877-872-5627) TTY: 1-877-889-5627.
- Once a One-Stop Career Center has been located, go there and present this Card.
- Information about other services and benefits can be found at www.ebenefits.va.gov and www.nrd.gov.