## **From the Director's Desk**

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## Teammates,

At the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), we have been working hard to help achieve Governor Ricketts' goal of making Nebraska the most veteran and military-friendly state in the nation. DAS was tasked with helping the State become an employer of choice for military families as well as a place for veterans and military personnel to continue their careers in public service.

Earlier this week, I was honored to join Governor Ricketts and other distinguished state representatives to announce the official launch of the <u>Military Spouse Transition Program</u> (video from the news conference can be <u>found here</u>). This initiative delivers exceptional career services such as resume building, skill translation, and informal contacts in support of military spouse re-employment. It helps military spouses quickly identify job leads in state government after relocating to Nebraska and builds upon DAS' previously enacted veteran friendly initiatives such as our veteran and veteran's spouse hiring preference, which provides secure employment for veterans.

The Department of Economic Development (DED) also announced the State's new participation in the Department of Defense (DoD) SkillBridge Initiative. Spearheaded by DED, this program acts as a liaison to connect service members with state agencies and private employers in search of skilled professionals; both growing Nebraska's workforce and employing veterans.

As you can see, the State is continuing to implement new initiatives and taking great strides towards becoming the most veteran and military-friendly state in the nation. DAS is excited to implement the Military Spouse Transition Program and support our sister agencies in their efforts to achieve this goal. You can find more information about these initiatives in the Governor's <u>news release</u> as well as in our <u>social media posts</u>.

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