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Eitas Joins Broad Effort to Observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Nationwide campaign runs through October

Kansas City, Mo. – Oct. 8, 2019 – eitas today announced its participation in National Disability Employment Awareness Month, an annual awareness campaign that takes place each October. The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is "The Right Talent, Right Now."

The history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month traces back to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

"Every day, individuals with disabilities add significant value and talent to our workforce and economy," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta. "Individuals with disabilities offer employers diverse perspectives on how to tackle challenges and achieve success. Individuals with disabilities have the right talent, right now."

Reflecting this year's theme, throughout the month, eitas will be engaging in a variety of activities to educate its employees on disability employment issues and its commitment to an inclusive work culture. These efforts include our Employment Provider Fair to be held on Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the eitas Training Center at 8508 Hillcrest Rd., Kansas City, MO 64138. We will also be posting many disability employment messages across our social media channels and on our website at www.eitas.org.

"We want to help spread the important message that individuals with disabilities make important, and unique contributions to their communities and to workplaces," said Jake Jacobs, eitas executive director.

Employers and employees in all industries can learn more about how to participate in National Disability Employment Awareness Month and ways they can promote its messages – during October and throughout the year – by visiting www.dol.gov/NDEAM.

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