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Tekcetera Teams Up with Veterans First for Stand Down Event

Orange County Technology Services Company Gives Donation to Fund Support Services for At-Risk Veterans

SANTA ANA, Calif. – June XX, 2012 – As part of its *10 Months of Thanks* initiative, Tekcetera, Inc. teamed up with Veterans First, the only nonprofit agency in Orange County to provide housing and support services to at-risk veterans and their families, by donating \$500 to assist in the funding of the Veterans First second annual Stand Down event. Known for its dedication to doing what it takes to provide comprehensive and cost-effective technology services to businesses small and large, Tekcetera launched its *10 Months of Thanks* initiative as a way to give back and say thank you to the Orange County community that has supported it for the last decade. Throughout the next six months, the Tekcetera team will be found participating in beach cleanups, offering free computer training workshops, sending care packages to military troops and much more.

The three-day Stand Down event, scheduled for Aug. 17 through Aug. 19 at the Reserve Training Center in Costa Mesa, Calif., will give homeless and at-risk veterans a place to go and receive basic social services from a variety of community and government agencies at no cost. Support services will include: medical, dental and vision exams; mental health and substance abuse counseling; veteran and social security benefits identification and assistance; employment and housing assistance; legal and homeless court assistance and children's services. Attendees will also have the opportunity to receive hot showers, clothing, food and bedding. In 2011, more than 150 homeless and at-risk veterans attended the first Stand Down event. This year, Veterans First expects its annual event to garner between 250 and 300 attendees.

“Our team is both honored and humbled to work with Veterans First,” said John S. Pitts, founder and president, Tekcetera, Inc. “Being able to assist in providing basic services to those who have fought for our country is incredibly rewarding. It is so easy to take the simple things for granted. Supporting Veterans First and the Stand Down event has given us the opportunity to give back and give thanks to the veterans in our community.”

For the last decade, Tekcetera, Inc. has provided reliable, cost-effective infrastructure solutions, cloud services, managed IT services, Microsoft specialty consulting, Avaya and Cisco telecommunications, web design, ecommerce solutions and more to businesses throughout Orange County. The Santa Ana-based technology company is celebrating its 10-year milestone anniversary by giving thanks. The company's *10 Months of Thanks* initiative will culminate at a hosted reception during the month of November, appropriately around the Thanksgiving holiday.

To learn more about Tekcetera and its services, visit: www.tekcetera.com and follow *10 Months of Thanks* through photos and updates on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tekcterainc and Twitter at www.twitter.com/tekcetera. To learn more about Veterans First and its Stand Down event, visit: www.veteransfirst.org.

About Tekcetera, Inc.

Founded in November 2002, Tekcetera's mission is to "do what it takes" to provide comprehensive and cost-effective hardware, software and support technology services that deliver peace of mind to businesses that their technology will work, every time. Tekcetera services include infrastructure solutions, cloud services, managed services, Microsoft specialty consulting, Avaya and Cisco telecommunications, web design, ecommerce solutions and more. A trusted partner of Avaya, Cisco, EVault, Hewlett-Packard, TREND Micro and WatchGuard, Tekcetera solutions deliver improved reliability, increased productivity, and broadened market penetration to clients spanning a wide range of industries. To learn more, visit www.tekcetera.com.

About Veterans First

Veterans First is the only 501c(3) agency in Orange County that works to provide services exclusively to homeless and at-risk veterans. Veterans First provides a multitude of services including housing, meals, case management, life skills, mental health counseling, benefit counseling, transportation, as well as job training and employment placement assistance. Veterans First works with many regional and national organizations such as the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans (NCHV), Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), the American Legion, Elks Club, AMVETS, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Wounded Warrior Battalion – MCB Camp Pendleton, Soldiers Project and the Orange County Continuum of Care. To learn more, visit www.veteransfirstoc.org.

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