## **Voluntary Self-Identification of Protected Veterans for Post-Offer**

The University of Alabama is a Government contractor subject to the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended by the Jobs for Veterans Act of 2002, 38 U.S.C. 4212 (VEVRAA), which requires Government contractors to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment: (1) disabled veterans; (2) recently separated veterans; (3) active duty wartime or campaign badge veterans; and (4) Armed Forces service medal veterans. These classifications are defined as follows:

- A "disabled veteran" is one of the following:
  - a veteran of the U.S. military, ground, naval, or air service who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs: or
  - a person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.
- A "recently separated veteran" means any veteran during the three-year period beginning on the
  date of such veteran's discharge or release from active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval, or air
  service.
- An "active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran" means a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval, or air service during a war, or in a campaign or expeditions for which a campaign badge has been authorized under the laws administered by the Department of Defense.
- An "Armed forces service medal veteran" means a veteran who, while serving on active duty in the
  U.S. military, round, naval or air service, participated in a United States military operation for which
  an Armed Forces service medal was awarded pursuant to Executive Order 12985.

Protected veterans may have additional rights under USERRA- the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. In particular, if you were absent from employment in order to perform service in the uniformed service, you may be entitled to be reemployed by your employer in the position you would have obtained with reasonable certainty if not for the absence due to service. For more information, call the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS), toll-free, at **1-866-4-USA-DOL**.

As a Government contractor subject to VEVRAA, we are required to submit a report to the United States Department of Labor each year identifying the number of our employees belonging to each specified "protected veteran" category. If you believe you belong to any of the categories of protected veterans listed above, please indicate by checking the appropriate box below at the end of this form.

Submission of this information is voluntary and refusal to provide it will not subject you to any adverse treatment. The information provided will be used only in ways that are not inconsistent with the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended.

The information you submit will be kept confidential, except that (i) supervisors and managers may be informed regarding restrictions on the work or duties of disabled veterans, and regarding necessary accommodations; (ii) first aid and safety personnel may be informed, when and to the extent appropriate, if you have a condition that might require emergency treatment; and (iii) Government officials engaged in enforcing laws administered by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, or enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act, may be informed.

If you are a disabled veteran, it will assist us if you tell us whether there are reasonable accommodations we could make that would enable you to perform the essential functions of the job, including special equipment, changes in the physical layout of the job, changes in the way the job is customarily performed, provision of personal assistance services or other accommodations. Disabled veterans requesting reasonable accommodations should submit their request online through <u>AbsenceTracker</u>.

The University of Alabama is committed to the concept and practice of equal opportunity and affirmative action. It is the policy of The University of Alabama not to discriminate on the basis of a physical or mental disability or an individual's status as a disabled veteran or any other protected Covered Veteran with regard to recruitment or advertising, hiring, training, promotion, and other terms and conditions of employment, provided the individual is qualified, with or without reasonable accommodations, to perform the essential functions of the job. These provisions are detailed in the University's Affirmative Action Plan for Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities. In accordance with public law, the University's program of affirmative action invites job applicants, individuals offered employment, and current employees who believe they are covered veterans or individuals with disabilities to identify themselves in order to receive the benefits of affirmative action. The Affirmative Action Plan for Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities is available for inspection in the Office of Equal Opportunity/University Compliance during regular business hours upon request.

I BELONG TO THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATIONS OF PROTECTED VETERANS (CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY):

Your Name	 Today's Date
NOTE: If you are not a veteran, you do not need to complete and return this form.	
[ ] I am NOT a protected veteran.	
[ ] I am a protected veteran, but I choose not to self-identify the classifications to which I belong.	
[ ] ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL VETERAN	
[ ] ACTIVE WARTIME OR CAMPAIGN BADGE VETERAN	
[ ] RECENTLY SEPARATED VETERAN	DATE OF DISCHARGE:
[ ] DISABLED VETERAN	

Return this completed form to the HR Service Center.

Campus Mail: Box 870174

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