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Mr. Keith O. Rattie, Chairman, President and CEO of Questar Corporation, and Major General Peter S. Cooke, Commander of the 96th Regional Readiness Command, will sign an agreement on Monday, 26 January, which will formalize a partnership to jointly recruit, train, employ and retain qualified job candidates at every opportunity. Both partners will encourage professional and high-quality employees to enlist in the Army Reserve. Both partners will encourage Army Reserve and active duty U.S. Army Soldiers who are leaving active duty to pursue a career with Questar. The signing ceremony will take place in the Questar Headquarters Board Room, 180 East 100 South, at 10:00 a.m. Media welcome – Access badges required – all attending must present themselves at the Questar security desk prior to 9:50 a.m..

Questar currently employs a number of Army Reserve Soldiers and maintains a deep commitment to hiring and supporting the brave men and women who protect and defend America. These Warrior-Citizens have a well-earned reputation as exemplary employees with proven leadership, teamwork, discipline and grace under pressure that are immeasurably valuable to any organization.

In 2008, the Army Reserve created the Employer Partnership Initiative to facilitate strategic and mutually beneficial relationships with employers and associations.

This Employer Partnership is a one-of-kind initiative designed to formalize the relationship between the Army Reserve and the private sector, both of whom share the common goals of strengthening the community, supporting Army Reserve Soldiers and their Families, and maintaining a strong economy.

Businesses and nonprofit organizations of all types and sizes are eligible to form alliances with the Army Reserve through the Employer Partnership. The hope is that partner organizations are committed to working together for the benefit of the Army Reserve Soldier and our Nation.

The program was launched in April 2008, and today includes partners in the core industries in which the Army Reserve maintains core competencies, such as health care, logistics, transportation, and law enforcement.

Employers are given assured access to more than one million Army Reserve Soldiers serving in various capacities. This access is through posting partnered employer job opportunities in the USAR - Jobs website.

All Army Reserve Soldiers are eligible to participate once they have successfully completed their initial entry training, earned the requisite certifications and are in good standing with the U.S. Army Reserve.

Employers benefit twice over. They gain access to Army Reserve Citizen Soldier/employees who are highly skilled, self-motivated leaders. In addition, they don't incur training costs since Soldier/employees receive work-related training and educational opportunities in the Army Reserve. Army Reserve Soldiers can have two careers – one with the Army Reserve and the other with an Employer Partner.

Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, Chief of the Army Reserve, created the Employer Partnership initiative to develop and maintain strategic relationships with Employers so that Soldiers remain competitive in their civilian and military roles.

The Army Reserve Employer Partnership is a new initiative with three interrelated components, that together leverage Employer and Army Reserve: recruiting, skills training and credentialing, as well as potential health cost sharing.

The Army Reserve Employer Partnership looks for ways to increase credentialing options so Army Reserve Soldiers can bring their Army training and skills to the civilian workplace ready to fill a need in a civilian company.

The Army Reserve is adding Employer Partners often, and is working with dozens of other companies and organizations to tailor an alliance that meets the goals of each organization.

Additional information about the Employer Partnership is available online at [www.ArmyReserve.Army.mil/arweb/news/word/Employer\\_Partnership.htm](http://www.ArmyReserve.Army.mil/arweb/news/word/Employer_Partnership.htm) You may also contact Mr. Claude McKinney (656-4133, or Chief Rusty Rice at (703) 601-0929 to investigate a possible partnership, or e-mail us at [ARCareers@usar.army.mil](mailto:ARCareers@usar.army.mil).

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