**Invitation to Self-Identify Veteran Status**

Welch and Rushe is a government contractor subject to the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, 38 U.S.C. 4212 (Section 4212), as amended, which requires Government contractors to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment: (1) Qualified 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:

1. **Qualified disabled veteran:** someone who has the ability to perform the essential functions of the employment position with or without reasonable accommodation, and also 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
1. **Recently separated veteran:** any veteran during the three-year period beginning on the date of such veteran’s discharge or release from activity duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval, or air service.
2. **Active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran**: a veteran who served in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service during a war, or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized under the laws administered by the Department of Defense.
3. **Armed forces service medal veteran:** a veteran who, while serving on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, 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.

If you believe you belong to any of the categories of protected veterans listed above, please indicate by checking the appropriate box below. As a Government contractor subject to Section 4212, we request this information in order to measure the effectiveness of the outreach and positive recruitment efforts we undertake pursuant to Section 4212.

**[ ] I IDENTIFY AS ONE OR MORE OF THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF PROTECTED VETERAN LISTED ABOVE**

**[ ] I AM NOT A PROTECTED VETERAN**

**[ ] I CHOOSE NOT TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION**

If you are a disabled veteran it will assist us if you tell us whether there are accommodations we could make that would enable you to perform the job properly and safely, 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. This information will assist us in making reasonable accommodations for your disability.

You may inform us of your desire to benefit under the program at this time and/or at any time in the future.

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.

**EMPLOYEE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**