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**WASHINGTON** – Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense (DoD) program, has identified 140 employers as semifinalists for the 2021 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, commonly referred to as the Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award is the highest recognition presented by the DoD to employers who provide the most outstanding support for National Guard and Reserve members. ESGR runs the program on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, and since its inception in 1996, 295 employers have earned this prestigious honor.

The semifinalists were selected from 3,382 submissions by service members and they will be narrowed down to 30 finalists. The ESGR National Selection Board, comprised of senior DoD officials and representatives from the Reserve Components, will then select up to 15 employers who will receive the Freedom Award. The semifinalists represent large and small employers from almost every industry and the public sector across 50 states, Guam-CNMI, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia.

Below is an alphabetical list of the semifinalists. For the latest Freedom Award news, visit [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil). To learn more about ESGR, visit [www.ESGR.mil](http://www.ESGR.mil).

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| Akira-Tech                              | Washington   | District of Columbia | Army Reserve         |
| Alcohol and Tobacco, Tax & Trade Bureau | Hato Rey     | Puerto Rico          | Army National Guard  |
| Allison Transmission, Inc.              | Indianapolis | Indiana              | Army National Guard  |
| Amerisourcebergen                       | Conshokocken | Pennsylvania         | Marine Corps Reserve |
| Ann Arbor Baptist Church                | Ann Arbor    | Michigan             | Army National Guard  |
| Associated Bank                         | Green Bay    | Wisconsin            | Army Reserve         |
| Astellas Pharma                         | Northfield   | Illinois             | Army National Guard  |
| AutoZone, Inc.                          | Memphis      | Tennessee            | Army Reserve         |
| BankPlus                                | Ridgeland    | Mississippi          | Army National Guard  |

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| Bath Iron Works                            | Bath             | Maine          | Air National Guard   |
| Berry Law Firm                             | Lincoln          | Nebraska       | Navy Reserve         |
| Bladen Community College                   | Dublin           | North Carolina | Army National Guard  |
| Blue Origin                                | Kent             | Washington     | Navy Reserve         |
| Boston Consulting Group                    | Boston           | Massachusetts  | Air National Guard   |
| Boston Government Services LLC             | Oak Ridge        | Tennessee      | Air National Guard   |
| Boyer Commercial Construction              | Columbia         | South Carolina | Marine Corps Reserve |
| Caliber Home Loans                         | Coppell          | Texas          | Navy Reserve         |
| Cameron Glass                              | Broken Arrow     | Oklahoma       | Army National Guard  |
| Cantel Medical Corporation                 | Little Falls     | New Jersey     | Air Force Reserve    |
| Capital Health Medical Center              | Trenton          | New Jersey     | Army Reserve         |
| Charleston County Sheriffs Office          | North Charleston | South Carolina | Army Reserve         |
| City of Boston                             | Boston           | Massachusetts  | Air National Guard   |
| City of Erie Police department             | Erie             | Pennsylvania   | Army National Guard  |
| City of Springfield Fire Department        | Springfield      | Missouri       | Navy Reserve         |
| City of Tampa Police Department            | Tampa            | Florida        | Army Reserve         |
| Clarendon Hills Police Department          | Clarendon Hills  | Illinois       | Army National Guard  |
| Cleveland Cavaliers                        | Cleveland        | Ohio           | Air National Guard   |
| CNMI Public School System                  | Saipan           | Guam           | Army Reserve         |
| Coalfire Systems                           | Westminster      | Colorado       | Army National Guard  |
| Con Edison of New York                     | New York         | New York       | Army National Guard  |
| Control Station, Inc.                      | Manchester       | Connecticut    | Air National Guard   |
| Country Club Bank                          | Kansas City      | Missouri       | Army Reserve         |
| Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Galchus, P.C. | Little Rock      | Arkansas       | Air National Guard   |
| Delta Air Lines                            | Atlanta          | Georgia        | Air Force Reserve    |
| Department of Energy Planning and Budget   | Oak Ridge        | Tennessee      | Air National Guard   |
| District Attorney's Office                 | Claremore        | Oklahoma       | Army National Guard  |
| Doonan Truck and Equipment of Wichita Inc. | Hays             | Kansas         | Air National Guard   |

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| Dow Chemical   | Midland          | Michigan       | Army Reserve        |
| Drexel Hamilton  | New York         | New York       | Air National Guard  |
| Dungan Engineering, P.A.                                   | Columbia         | Mississippi    | Air National Guard  |
| Eyak Services LLC  | Anchorage        | Alaska         | Army Reserve        |
| Farm Service Agency  | Stillwater       | Oklahoma       | Air National Guard  |
| Federal Cartridge Company - CCI/Speer                      | Lewiston         | Idaho          | Navy Reserve        |
| First National Bank of Omaha                               | Omaha            | Nebraska       | Air Force Reserve   |
| Flying Tigers Flight School, LTD.                          | Houston          | Texas          | Army Reserve        |
| FMC Agricultural Caribe Industries                         | Manati           | Puerto Rico    | Army National Guard |
| Fulton Bank  | Lancaster        | Pennsylvania   | Army National Guard |
| GE Appliance   | Louisville       | Kentucky       | Army Reserve        |
| GEICO  | Chevy Chase      | Maryland       | Navy Reserve        |
| Gibson Door & Millwork, Inc.                               | Portland         | Oregon         | Army Reserve        |
| Goldman, Sachs & Co.                                       | Salt Lake City   | Utah           | Army National Guard |
| Grand Strand Medical Center - HCA                          | Myrtle Beach     | South Carolina | Army Reserve        |
| GuideWell (Florida Blue)                                   | Jacksonville     | Florida        | Air Force Reserve   |
| Hendersonville Police Department                           | Hendersonville   | Tennessee      | Army Reserve        |
| Hillrom  | Batesville       | Indiana        | Army National Guard |
| Historical Preservation, LLC                               | Appling          | Georgia        | Army Reserve        |
| Indiana Care Inc. d.b.a. Home Instead Senior Care          | Muncie           | Indiana        | Air Force Reserve   |
| Huntington National Bank                                   | Columbus         | Ohio           | Air Force Reserve   |
| IBEW Local 466   | Charleston       | West Virginia  | Army National Guard |
| icon Mechanical  | Granite City     | Illinois       | Air Force Reserve   |
| Indiana State Police Distrct 42                            | Versailles       | Indiana        | Army Reserve        |
| Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department North District | Indianapolis     | Indiana        | Army National Guard |
| Infinity Systems Engineering                               | Colorado Springs | Colorado       | Air Force Reserve   |
| INNIO Waukesha Gas Engine                                  | Waukesha         | Wisconsin      | Coast Guard Reserve |
| J.B. Hunt Transport Inc.                                   | Lowell           | Arkansas       | Air National Guard  |
| JBT Aerotech   | Tamuning         | Guam           | Army National Guard |
| Johnson Controls   | Madison          | Alabama        | Army Reserve        |

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| League of Minnesota Cities                             | St. Paul        | Minnesota            | Army Reserve         |
| Loftin Equipment Company                               | Phoenix         | Arizona              | Air National Guard   |
| Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores                   | Oklahoma City   | Oklahoma             | Army Reserve         |
| LSINC. Corporation                                     | Huntsville      | Alabama              | Army National Guard  |
| ManifestWorks  | Hollywood       | California           | Marine Corps Reserve |
| Marathon Petroleum                                     | Kenai           | Alaska               | Navy Reserve         |
| Marcus Construction                                    | Willmar         | Minnesota            | Army National Guard  |
| Medtronic Inc.   | Mounds View     | Minnesota            | Army Reserve         |
| MercyOne Siouxland                                     | Sioux City      | Iowa                 | Army Reserve         |
| Michigan Department of Corrections                     | Lansing         | Michigan             | Army Reserve         |
| Mount Pisgah Baptist Church                            | Fayetteville    | North Carolina       | Army Reserve         |
| National Grid  | North Kingstown | Rhode Island         | Air National Guard   |
| New Mexico Military Institute                          | Roswell         | New Mexico           | Army Reserve         |
| New York City Police Department                        | New York        | New York             | Army Reserve         |
| Nike Inc.  | Beaverton       | Oregon               | Army National Guard  |
| Noble Sales Co., Inc. d/b/a Noble Supply and Logistics | Rockland        | Massachusetts        | Army Reserve         |
| Nogales Police Department                              | Nogales         | Arizona              | Army National Guard  |
| Norfolk Fire Division                                  | Norfolk         | Nebraska             | Army National Guard  |
| Novant Health  | Charlotte       | North Carolina       | Army Reserve         |
| Oakland Police Department                              | Oakland         | California           | Marine Corps Reserve |
| Operation Stand Down Rhode Island                      | Johnston        | Rhode Island         | Army National Guard  |
| Oregon Secretary of State Audits Division              | Salem           | Oregon               | Air National Guard   |
| Performance Contractors                                | Baton Rouge     | Louisiana            | Air Force Reserve    |
| Philadelphia Parking Authority                         | Philadelphia    | Pennsylvania         | Navy Reserve         |
| Phillips 66  | Houston         | Texas                | Coast Guard Reserve  |
| Pittsburg Police Department                            | Pittsburg       | Kansas               | Army Reserve         |
| PLEXSYS Interface Products                             | Camas           | Washington           | Air National Guard   |
| Ponchatoula City Police Department                     | Ponchatoula     | Louisiana            | Army National Guard  |
| Premier Roofing Company                                | Omaha           | Nebraska             | Army Reserve         |
| PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP                             | Washington      | District of Columbia | Army Reserve         |

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| Prince George's County Police                      | Upper Marlboro  | Maryland       | Army Reserve        |
| Prudential Financial, Inc.                         | Newark          | New Jersey     | Army Reserve        |
| QTS Data Centers                                   | Overland Park   | Kansas         | Air Force Reserve   |
| Raytheon Technologies / Collins Aerospace          | Windsor Locks   | Connecticut    | Air Force Reserve   |
| Republic Services                                  | PHOENIX         | Arizona        | Army Reserve        |
| River Parish Security Systems                      | Gonzales        | Louisiana      | Army National Guard |
| Sierra Nevada Corporation                          | Sparks          | Nevada         | Air Force Reserve   |
| SoundWay Consulting                                | Silver Spring   | Maryland       | Air Force Reserve   |
| Spire, Inc.  | Saint Louis     | Missouri       | Air National Guard  |
| Springdale Police Department                       | Springdale      | Arkansas       | Army National Guard |
| Stan Johnson Company                               | Tulsa           | Oklahoma       | Air National Guard  |
| State of Nevada                                    | Carson City     | Nevada         | Army National Guard |
| StemRad, Inc.                                      | Tampa           | Florida        | Air Force Reserve   |
| Storm Lake Police Department                       | Storm Lake      | Iowa           | Air National Guard  |
| TeleTracking Technologies                          | Pittsburgh      | Pennsylvania   | Army National Guard |
| Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service            | College Station | Texas          | Army National Guard |
| Texas Department of Family and Protective Services | Austin          | Texas          | Army National Guard |
| The Everett Clinic                                 | Everett         | Washington     | Air National Guard  |
| The Vazquez Group HI                               | Kailua          | Hawaii         | Air Force Reserve   |
| Therapeutic Learning Center                        | Old Town        | Maine          | Army National Guard |
| Titan Roofing and Exteriors                        | Urbandale       | Iowa           | Army National Guard |
| Tomahawk Strategic Solutions LLC                   | Nashville       | Tennessee      | Army National Guard |
| TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION(TSA)        | HAPEVILLE       | Georgia        | Army National Guard |
| Triple J CORP.                                     | Saipan          | Guam           | Army Reserve        |
| Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center                       | Tuscaloosa      | Alabama        | Army Reserve        |
| Twila Wilson & Associates                          | Christiansted   | Virgin Islands | Air National Guard  |
| U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration               | Toledo          | Ohio           | Army National Guard |

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| United States Penitentiary McCreary            | Pine Knot   | Kentucky             | Army National Guard  |
| University of Hawaii Maui College              | Kahului     | Hawaii               | Air National Guard   |
| US Department of Labor- Wage and Hour Division | Denver      | Colorado             | Navy Reserve         |
| USCIS Office of Contracting                    | Williston   | Vermont              | Air National Guard   |
| USDA-NRCS                                      | Jackson     | Mississippi          | Army Reserve         |
| Utah Valley University                         | Orem        | Utah                 | Army National Guard  |
| VA, VHA, Office of Community Care              | Washington  | District of Columbia | Marine Corps Reserve |
| Village of Pewaukee Police Department          | Pewaukee    | Wisconsin            | Air National Guard   |
| Virgin Islands Department of Education         | St. Thomas  | Virgin Islands       | Army National Guard  |
| West Virginia University School of Medicine    | Charleston  | West Virginia        | Air National Guard   |
| Western Digital Corporation                    | San Jose    | California           | Army Reserve         |
| Williams                                       | Moundsville | West Virginia        | Air Force Reserve    |
| Wirco, Inc.                                    | Avilla      | Indiana              | Army National Guard  |
| Wright County Sheriff's Office                 | Buffalo     | Minnesota            | Army Reserve         |
| Xcel Energy                                    | Minneapolis | Minnesota            | Army National Guard  |
| Yankton School District                        | Yankton     | South Dakota         | Army National Guard  |