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For Support of Veterans, CSI Aviation Takes Home Pro Patria Award
Albuquerque company also ranks as one of nation's top "Best for Vets" Employer

(ALBUQUERQUE, NM) Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, the national committee charged with supporting America's part-time citizen/soldiers in the workplace, gave the Pro Patria award to CSI Aviation last week.

CSI, a global aviation services and air logistics firm based in New Mexico, received a trophy in recognition of its exceptional support for employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. The Pro Patria is awarded annually to one large employer, one small employer and one public sector employer from every state. CSI was also a semifinalist for the national Freedom award. Successful employers must demonstrate support for their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve, including implementing personnel policies that make juggling service and civilian work easier.

CSI CEO Allen Weh also received a separate "Patriotic Employer" award. "It's a huge honor to receive this recognition," Weh said. "But the real honor is to do everything we can, every day, to make life a little easier for those who serve our country."

The award comes a few weeks after the newspaper Military Times recognized CSI in its 59 "Best for Vets: Employers" list. CSI joined a host of nationally prominent, blue-chip employers whose cultural and policy support for vets landed them on the list. CSI was the only airline or aviation firm to make the list.

"Hiring military service men and women is an intentional part of our corporate culture," said William "Rock" Collins, CSI President and one of the six veterans on the 11-member CSI leadership team. "Veterans bring exceptional professional training and a strong sense of ethics to their work, and we find that these attributes are a perfect match for our clients."

More about ESGR...ESGR, a Department of Defense office, was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. ESGR is supported by a network of more than 4,900 volunteers in 54 committees located across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam-CNMI, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For more information go to www.esgr.mil.

More About CSI Aviation... Established in 1979, CSI Aviation, Inc. (CSI) has grown into an integrated, global aviation company providing diverse and complex solutions to commercial and government clients. In addition to providing corporations, government agencies, athletic teams, commercial groups and private individuals air charter services, aviation logistics, and program management among other services, CSI fills a unique niche in the aviation industry – solving complex aviation requirements. CSI arranges commercial aircraft using a wide variety of certified air carriers as agents for its customers and provides aircraft purchase, leasing and maintenance support. CSI also holds a GSA Schedule for Air Charter and Aircraft Leasing and provides fuel and ground services worldwide.