

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	<b>NO.</b> 32-09
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**TO:** STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES  
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 DIRECTORS

**FROM:** JANE OATES /s/  
 Assistant Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Closeout of MilSpouse and Career Voyages Web sites

**1. Purpose.** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) wishes to inform the workforce investment system of the closeout of two U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Web sites, and the actions DOL is taking to minimize the disruption of services to users.

**2. References.** [www.careervoyages.gov](http://www.careervoyages.gov); [www.careeronestop.org/militaryspouse](http://www.careeronestop.org/militaryspouse)

**3. Summary.** ETA has recently discontinued or will shortly discontinue its MilSpouse and Career Voyages Web sites. To ensure a smooth transition, minimize user inconvenience, and provide optimal service, ETA has or will 1) transfer some of the content from the discontinued sites to the Career One Stop Web site; 2) create landing pages to redirect visitors to the Web sites from which the MilSpouse and Career Voyages content originated; and 3) inform Web sites that link to Career Voyages of the site terminations and plans for the transition.

**4. Background.**

Efforts are underway to enhance services for the users of both MilSpouse and Career Voyages. The MilSpouse Web site, jointly sponsored by DOL and the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), served the employment-related needs of military spouses. MilSpouse.org began on July 11, 2003, and ended December 31, 2009. DoD developed its own Web sites to fulfill MilSpouse's function.

The Career Voyages Web site was designed to meet the needs of youth and was organized around 16 industry sectors in which occupations were in demand. As the economy has changed ETA is working on new approaches to meet user needs. Career Voyages began in October 2003, and is slated to close no later than March 31, 2010.

## **5. Description.**

Almost all of the content of the MilSpouse and Career Voyages Web sites is derived from other (primarily DOL) Web sites, and ETA's closeout actions are designed to ensure that the public continues have access to this information. To ensure a smooth transition, minimize the inconvenience to visitors, and to provide users with optimal service, OWI has or will conduct the following actions.

- DOL will design an Internet "landing page" to redirect visitors from the discontinued Web sites to an appropriate alternative site. Because MilSpouse and Career Voyages utilized information from a wide variety of sources, there are numerous links on these new Web pages. The MilSpouse landing page is at [www.careeronestop.org/militaryspouse](http://www.careeronestop.org/militaryspouse); the Career Voyages landing page is now under development (after it is posted, visitors who attempt to log on to CareerVoyages.org will automatically be directed to the landing page).
- Career Voyages' principal unique feature is its numerous industry-specific Internet links. DOL will transfer as many of these links as possible to the Competency Model Clearinghouse section of CareerOneStop.org, where visitors can obtain other useful industry-specific information.
- To further assist the audience served by Career Voyages, ETA will shortly conduct a Career Videos Challenge (similar to the Tools for America's Job Seekers Challenge). ETA has identified high-wage and in-demand occupations, and will invite the public to submit videos demonstrating these occupations. When the Career Videos Challenge is launched, ETA will distribute a TEN with further details on how to participate.

## **6. Action Requested.**

ETA requests that recipients of this Training and Employment Notice share this information with other interested parties.

**7. Inquiries.** For questions, please e-mail [CareerVoyages@dol.gov](mailto:CareerVoyages@dol.gov).