The petrochemical sector is leading the resurgence of American manufacturing – 256 new projects and expansions have been announced, creating 465,000 direct and indirect jobs by 2023 due to the shale boom. In addition, the fuel and petrochemical manufacturing industries will see a significant wave of retirements over the next 5-10 years as result of a dramatic increase in domestic energy production.

In order to attract and recruit top workforce talent, AFPM, BP, and Phillips 66 sponsored the "Hiring Our Heroes" Houston Hiring Expo, a nationwide initiative of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to help veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses find meaningful employment opportunities. A big thanks to all of our members for their participation and commitment to hiring our veterans, including AlliedBarton Security Services, BASF, BP, CB&I, Exxon Mobil, Fluor, Hunter Buildings, Industrial Info Resources, KPMG, Phillips 66, S&B Engineers and Constructors, SGS, SGS Petroleum Service Corporation, The Dow Chemical Company, and Turner Industries.

There are approximately 2.8 million veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. As they served their country on the battlefield, these brave men and women learned skills that are hugely advantageous to civilian employers, including: leadership, change management, how to motivate their comrades, how to work as a team, ability to work under pressure, and especially their safety conscious attitude.

AFPM is proud to take part in this critical mission – approximately 500 veterans and spouses met with 88 employers at one of the largest Hiring Our Heroes events to date. AFPM is continually enhancing the range of veterans-based educational tools and information on its AFPM Workforce Development website, working to connect the brave men and women who served our country to available, high-paying jobs that will turn into lifelong careers.

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