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Cal Poly Joins Fresno State and College of the Sequoias to Support Ag Warriors Program

Tulare, Calif. – California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo will join forces with California State University, Fresno and College of the Sequoias (COS) to develop plans to assist returning service-members seeking training in the agricultural field. In an effort to prepare veterans for long-term agricultural careers, these educational institutions will work with the International Agri-Center in its development of the Ag Warriors program.

"We're looking to the experts to help us develop the educational aspect of Ag Warriors," said Stacey Beachy of the International Agri-Center. "With commitments from Cal Poly, Fresno State and COS, we're one step closer to helping veterans get the training they need to secure professional careers in the agriculture industry."

Many veterans who might otherwise excel in agriculture lack the requisite training, certification, familiarity or access to initiate careers in agriculture. The Ag Warriors program at the International Agri-Center will facilitate the necessary training and certification for returning veterans to enter the industry.

"We believe the agricultural community is well suited to provide jobs to returning veterans," said Jerry Siniff, CEO of the International Agri-Center. "Many of our friends in agriculture have expressed a need for bright, motivated and hard-working individuals to join their teams—Ag Warriors will be the conduit that connects employers with veterans in search of careers in agriculture."

The program will officially launch at the Ag Warriors Gala on February 15, 2012 during World Ag Expo in Tulare, California. The event will include a keynote address from the 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush. For more information, or to make reservations for the Ag Warriors Gala, visit www.AgWarriors.com or call 800-999-9186.

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The International Agri-Center is home to World Ag Expo, February 14-16, 2012 in Tulare, California. An estimated annual average of 100,000 individuals from 70 countries attend World Ag Expo each year. The Expo is the largest annual agricultural show of its kind with 1,600 exhibitors displaying cutting-edge agricultural technology and equipment on 2.6 million square feet of show grounds.