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## Pensacola City Council proclaims National Disability Employment Awareness Month

**Pensacola, Fla**. (October 13, 2023) – One of the country's largest private employers of persons with disabilities – Global Connections to Employment (GCE) – is based in Pensacola, Florida. Global Connections to Employment (GCE) kicked off celebrations of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) with a proclamation from Pensacola City Council on Thursday, Oct. 12.

This year's NDEAM theme is "Advancing Access and Equity." NDEAM is a time to pause and recognize the contributions of America's workers with disabilities to ensure a diverse and inclusive American workforce. The essential roles that people with disabilities are filling is creating a high demand for their skills and talent.

More than 1,500 people across the country work for GCE. In Florida, 457 team members with disabilities work at a variety of sites, most of them in the Panhandle. Approximately 360 team members with disabilities live and work in Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties, at places like Naval Air Station Pensacola, Eglin Air Force Base and LifeView Group. GCE will host employee celebrations at all of these locations.

In addition to jobs, the nationwide GCE team provides support and training for people with significant disabilities, including war-wounded veterans. GCE is a top 10 nonprofit agency under AbilityOne®, with many awards for service excellence. They empower team members through meaningful employment, matching them to careers in in IT, food services, custodial services, a contact center, and facilities maintenance.

Learn about GCE services at gce.org.



## Photo caption

Pensacola City Council President Delarian Wiggins presents proclamation for National Disability Employment Awareness Month to team members from Global Connections to Employment (GCE). GCE is one of the country's largest private employers of persons with disabilities and is based in downtown Pensacola.

## **About Global Connections to Employment**

Global Connections to Employment (GCE) is a nationwide team providing jobs for people with significant disabilities, including our war-wounded veterans. Since its establishment in 1986, GCE has helped match team members to fulfilling careers, from custodial services to facilities maintenance and food services, plus other business lines in between. Working with customers from the U.S. military, commercial business and community partners – as well as federal, state and local governments – GCE is one of the country's largest private employers of persons with disabilities. Learn more at GCE.org.

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