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## GCE achieves five-star accreditation for U.S. Navy food service operations

**Pensacola, Fla.** (Dec. 15, 2023) – Global Connections to Employment (GCE)'s food services team at Naval Air Station Pensacola achieved a five-star accreditation. Based in Pensacola, GCE is one of the country's largest private employers of persons with disabilities.

"Most galleys score a three-star accreditation, but GCE has received a five-star annual accreditation at NAS Pensacola every year since 2001," said Senior Director of Operations Betty Geren. "We are incredibly proud of our team at NAS Pensacola and honored to provide high quality food services to our military customers."

More than 1,500 people across the country work for GCE. In Florida, 457 team members with disabilities work at a variety of sites. 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.

In addition to jobs, the nationwide GCE team provides support and training for people with significant disabilities, including war-wounded veterans, and has won many awards for service excellence. GCE empowers team members through meaningful employment, matching them to careers in in IT, food services, custodial services, contact center work, and facilities maintenance.

Read about GCE's <u>awards and recognition</u> for service excellence.

## **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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