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Recruitment Unit Plans Visits to Dover AFB and Rutgers University

The Department of Education's Recruitment Initiative staff will participate in two activities next week.

On Thursday, **February 24**, the department will promote the Troops to Teachers Program in New Jersey to retired members of the military at Dover Air Force Base in Dover Delaware, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

On Friday, **February 25**, recruitment staff will participate in the Rutgers University Education Fair, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the College Avenue Student Center on the Rutgers. New Brunswick campus.

The New Jersey Department of Education established a recruitment initiative five years ago to assist local districts in filling vacancies for teachers and other positions. The DOE attends job fairs and visits college campuses along the East Coast, extolling the virtues of working in New Jersey, which enjoys a location between Boston and Washington D.C., is diverse in climate, culture, and geography, and pays high salaries to educators in comparison with other states. The initiative also maintains NJHire, a free, internet-based service that allows for school districts and prospective teacher candidates to list their needs electronically.

Troops to Teachers is a national program designed to promote teaching to retired members of the military. Retired soldiers, sailors and pilots who meet eligibility requirements are shown how they can have a second career in the classroom. For more information on Troops to Teachers in New Jersey, call 1-800-680-0884.

NOTE: Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the February 25 event at Rutgers. Media cannot attend the Feb. 24 event in Dover. For more information, call the Department of Education's Public Information Office, 609-292-1126.