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Mr. Jeffrey Wells, CEO, Metrc, Inc., Lakeland, Florida signed a Statement of Support of the Veterans, Reserve and National Guard members employed by the organization.

Lakeland, Florida – Florida Committee Chair for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Rita M. Broadway, MG, USA, Retired, an office of the Department of Defense, announced that Mr. Jeffrey Wells, CEO Metrc, Inc., Lakeland, Florida (Pictured Left) signed a Statement of Support from the Secretary of Defense, Lloyd D. Austin III. In the statement, Metrc pledges to continually recognize and support our country's Service Members and their families in peace, in crisis, and in war. The company also pledges to appreciate the values, leadership and unique skills Service Members bring to the workforce and will encourage opportunities to employ Guardsmen, Reservists, transitioning Service Members and Veterans. In his comments, Mr. Wells, a Navy ROTC graduate from the University of Tampa and a Navy Veteran, embraced those associates both veteran and/or serving in the Guard and Reserve and stressed the importance of military service, the additional skills a citizen soldier brings to the company, and the company's ongoing full support of its Veteran, Guard and Reserve associates. The SOS signing was initiated by Metrc employees Ms. Shay Romaine, VP, People and Culture and Ms. Alicia Reynolds, Executive Assistant. LTC Roger Trout (USAR-Ret) (Pictured Right) Vice Chair of the Florida ESGR Committee presided over the signing.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is an office of the Department of Defense established in 1972. The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law, and resolving conflict through mediation. ESGR volunteers provide free education, consultation, and if necessary, mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees. As the 32 thousand members of the National Guard and Reserve in Florida and Nationally 1.3 million members continue to perform an increasing number of unique missions that require extraordinary actions on the part of everyday citizens, ESGR will continue to be the informational agency for the employers of citizen warriors. More information about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities is available at Floridaesgr.com, or by calling Roger Trout of the Florida ESGR Committee, at (571)-275-8980.