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ProSource Consulting Honored by Department of Defense for Extraordinary Support of Employees who Serve in the Virginia National Guard and Reserve

(Roanoke, VA) – The Virginia Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency, awarded ProSource Consulting, LLC a Seven Seals Award in recognition of extraordinary support of its employees who serve in the Virginia National Guard and Reserve at its annual awards ceremony on Saturday. The Adjutant General of Virginia, MG Daniel E. Long, Jr., spoke about the relationship between the Guard and Reserve and civilian employers, and Ms. Louise Kadiri read a statement from Senator Mark Warner. “The military is not just a job. It’s a way of life, and employers are part of it,” Long stated. Noting that “the Guard and Reserve will have an increasing role in national security,” he repeated a quote from Kenneth Preston, the recently retired Sergeant Major of the Army, who urged the Army to provide for families left behind with the same vigor it showed on the field.

Indeed, many employers honored that evening took remarkable care not only of the service members but of their families as well. Donna Cooper, President and CEO of ProSource Consulting, provided the wife of a Guard employee her home phone number and has made herself available to help his family while he is serving overseas. “Character comes within, from doing the right thing when no one is looking,” she said as she accepted her Seven Seals Award. “I did the right thing and, to my surprise, ESGR was looking.” Gabriel Garzia, the service member who nominated Ms. Cooper, expressed how grateful he was for the support and stated, “I could not ask for a better company and owner to work for. Knowing I will have job when I come home has been a big relief and blessing for me and my family.” Ms. Cooper reaffirmed her commitment to Garzia when she accepted the award, stating, “Mr. Garzia has a job when he comes back, even if it means I have to pay two people instead of one.”

Employers are nominated each year by a service member who wishes to recognize the exceptional support to their military career provided by their civilian employers. The Seven Seals Award recognizes individuals, employers or supportive organizations that “provide support to the ESGR committee and its mission or have demonstrated meritorious leadership and initiative in support of the men and women who serve America in the National Guard and Reserve” and bears the seals of the seven components of the National Guard and Reserve. More information about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities is available at www.esgr.mil, or by calling 804-236-7493.

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