

New veteran training opportunities available for roadway construction and infrastructure

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[CareerSource](#) Hillsborough Pinellas and Statewide Workforce Development-Florida Department of Transportation are teaming up to offer two training bootcamps that will equip local veterans for careers in roadway construction and infrastructure.

Hillsborough County:

Dates: Tuesday, January 14th –

Thursday, January 16th

Time: 9:00 AM – Noon

Location: CareerSource Hillsborough Pinellas, Tampa Center, 9215 North Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612

Contact: Raleigh Sullivan, (813) 296-2505 or sullivanr@CareerSourceHP.com

Pinellas County:

Dates: Tuesday, January 28th – Thursday, January 30th

Time: 9:00 AM – Noon

Location: St. Petersburg College EpiCenter, 13805 58th Street North, Clearwater, FL 33760

Contact: Oscar Colon, (727) 608-2462 or ocolon@CareerSourceHP.com

Each three-day workshop will connect veterans to careers in road and bridge construction with tours of an FDOT contractor facility, training focused on OSHA, heavy equipment, and flagger construction-related positions, and a veterans hiring event including guaranteed interviews to all participants and potential same-day job offers.

All participants must come ready to be hired – last year 90 percent of the program’s participants gained employment directly from their participation in the program.

“Florida’s road and bridge construction industry offers fields for every level of experience,



The poster for the Veteran Training Academy features a blue and red color scheme with a white starburst graphic at the top right. The text 'VETERAN TRAINING ACADEMY' is prominently displayed in white and red. Below this, the subtitle 'CONNECTING VETERANS TO CAREERS IN ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION' is written in yellow. A list of three bullet points details the program's benefits: 'No Cost, 3-day Boot Camp.', 'Tour a FDOT Contractor Facility.', and 'Guaranteed interviews to all participants via a Veterans Hiring Event with potential same day offers!'. The CareerSource Hillsborough Pinellas logo is in the top left, and the text 'CareerSource Hillsborough Pinellas' is at the bottom.

background, and area of interest. We are excited for this opportunity to connect our veterans with so many different career paths to explore, all to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system,” said FDOT District 7 Secretary David Gwynn.

“We take pride in the dedicated service we provide to veterans as they search for a career in the civilian workforce. These roadway construction training bootcamps connect veterans with jobs in a booming industry with opportunities for growth and advancement,” said Jason Druding, Vice President of business services for CareerSource Hillsborough Pinellas.

The signing of Gov. DeSantis’ Freedom First Budget in June 2023 made record investments in Florida’s transportation infrastructure, with \$12.6 billion in funding for statewide transportation projects for FDOT’s current five-year work plan.

The Florida Department of Transportation is projected to create thousands of new design, construction, and maintenance of transportation infrastructure jobs over the next ten years.

The program is free to participating veterans. Please register with CareerSource Hillsborough Pinellas and with [EmployFlorida](#) to attend. View the event flyer here.

About CareerSource Hillsborough Pinellas

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