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Goodwill Solac Joins Goodwill Agencies In Southern California To Help Transitioning Veterans Dress For Success

LONG BEACH, CA – FEBRUARY 1, 2012 – Goodwill, Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County (Goodwill SOLAC) is part of the Boots to Suits Veteran Program, sponsored by Goodwill Southern California, which gives U.S. veterans and active military members \$50 towards clothing and accessories to help prepare for employment.

The program runs from February 15 to 17, and participants can register for the program at Goodwill SOLAC's main facility at 800 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach, 90806. Veterans or military personnel will need to show their Veteran ID card or DD214 to participate and receive the merchandise voucher.

Goodwill is proud to respond to the increased need for veteran support as thousands of troops return to Southern California from their military service overseas. They are also encouraging everyone to help support the program by donating gently used or new business attire to their local Goodwill.

"Our Veterans face a number of challenges re-entering the workforce, and one which many of us take for granted, is having the appropriate attire for a job interview. Since 1929, Goodwill SOLAC has been providing education and training services to thousands of people who want to work toward a better life, and this is one way we can show our gratitude for their service to our country," said President & CEO, Janet McCarthy of Goodwill SOLAC.

"We salute Goodwill Southern California's commitment to our Veterans. The VEP and Boots 2 Suits programs and partnerships are vital to ensuring the needs of our California military veterans are met," Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, Peter Gravett, Major General (Ret.)

Goodwill agencies serving Orange County, the Greater Los Angeles area, including the San Fernando Valley and Inland Empire, and Ventura/Santa Barbara counties are supporting the program.

Goodwill SOLAC is a community resource, providing skill development and work opportunities to help individuals with barriers to employment feel whole through the power of work. To learn more about our programs and our mission, go to www.thinkgood.org.

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