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Patriot Award Press Release

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CYRCA OWNER Mark Johnson Honored by Department of Defense for Extraordinary
Support of Employee Who Serves in the United States Marine Corps Reserve



SGT Mike Ell Sgt. Michael Ellis, Mr. Mark Johnson, Ms. Elizabeth Ransom, and Mr. Doug Gibbens pose after the presentation of the Patriot Award to Mr. Johnson. r. Douglas

INDIANAPOLIS, IN: On Thursday July 15, 2010 Mr. Doug Gibbens, ESGR Executive Director for Indiana along with the Indiana Program Support Manager, Ms. Elizabeth Ransom presented Mr. Mark Johnson with the prestigious Department of Defense Patriot Award.

Mr. Michael Ellis, a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, nominated the owner of Cyrca for the Patriot Award. "The support was amazing. Cyrca would mail four boxes in a 3 month period. Even though I was in Iraq they

made me feel like I was working right beside them, keeping in touch as part of the company,” said Ellis.

According to Doug Gibbens, ESGR Executive Director, “The ESGR Patriot Award was created by ESGR to publicly recognize American Employers who provide extraordinary patriotic support and cooperation to their employees, who like the citizen warriors before them, have answered their nation’s call to serve. Supportive employers are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation’s National Guard and Reserve units.”

The owners of Cyrca join with thousands of American Employers who have reviewed and amended their current human resources policies to ensure compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act Law (USERRA). A Patriot Award recognizes an employer for his or her support of National Guard and Reserve members. Any service member can nominate their employer for a "Patriot Award" at <http://www.esgr.org>.

As the 1.3 million members of the National Guard and Reserve continue to perform an increasing number of unique missions with America’s borders and beyond, ESGR will continue to be the resource for the employers of citizen warriors. ESGR provides education, consultation, and if necessary mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees. More information about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities is available at www.esgr.mil, or by calling Indiana ESGR at 1-800-237-2850.