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# PeopleScout, a TrueBlue Company, Joins Ready to Work Business Collaborative to Support Hiring of Long-Term Unemployed

CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PeopleScout, a leading provider of recruitment process outsourcing services that recruits more than 350,000 candidates for full-time positions with some of the world's best-known companies, has joined the newly launched **Ready to Work Business Collaborative**. The Ready to Work Business Collaborative (RTWBC) is a non-partisan initiative to help employers achieve their goals by hiring highly capable candidates, including the long-term unemployed and veterans, who may have been inadvertently overlooked in traditional recruitment.

"We're proud to play an active role in the Ready to Work Business Collaborative," TrueBlue COO Patrick Beharelle said. "PeopleScout and the TrueBlue companies regularly place U.S. Military veterans in full-time employment, so we offer expertise that can be very valuable toward the Collaborative's goals."

"We understand that there are thousands of great candidates for jobs who, through no fault of their own, may be wrongly perceived by potential employers as less attractive for a position simply because they have been out of work for a longer time," PeopleScout President Taryn Owen said. "We're excited to work with RTWBC and use our experience to develop policies and programs that will help reconnect the long-term unemployed with meaningful work."

"The Ready To Work Business Collaborative is excited that PeopleScout supports the first quarterly convening of employers who will learn about best practices in hiring ready to work candidates," said Beverly Riddick, Executive Director, Ready To Work Business Collaborative. "At this event, human resource and recruitment professionals will build a toolkit that employers can use at every step of the hiring process as they tap the talent pools of long-term unemployed, under-employed, veterans, the disabled and young workers seeking opportunities."

According to Riddick, research shows that ready to work employees, such as the long-term unemployed and veterans, have an above-average retention rate compared to other employees in the same industry.

Beharelle and Owen both recently attended a meeting at the White House with Obama Administration officials and other business leaders participating in the RTWBC. PeopleScout representatives will join other business leaders at the first quarterly meeting of employers that will be held on March 15, 2017 in New York City.

**About PeopleScout**

PeopleScout, a TrueBlue company, is a trusted global Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO) provider offering full-service support in nearly every industry and skill vertical. Headquartered in Chicago, PeopleScout provides cost-effective delivery of scalable, integrated and highly customized solutions to more than 70 countries worldwide with offices in Chicago, Charlotte, Sydney, Krakow, Gurgaon, Beijing, Toronto and Montreal. PeopleScout's suite of innovative RPO solutions includes enterprise, full cycle, partial cycle and project RPO as well as Recruiter On-Demand™, a contract recruitment solution. PeopleScout has repeatedly been honored as an RPO industry leader, including 10 straight years on HRO Today's RPO Baker's Dozen, "Leader" ranking on Everest Group's 2016 PEAK Matrix™ of RPO providers and "Leader" ranking on Nelson Hall's RPO vendor assessment. Learn more about PeopleScout at [www.peoplescout.com](http://www.peoplescout.com).

### **About Ready to Work Business Collaborative**

The Ready To Work Business Collaborative is a non-partisan business-led organization that brings together employers who are interested in successfully hiring and retaining ready to work talent consisting of the long term unemployed, the under-employed, veterans, people with disabilities and opportunity youth. For more information, please visit [www.rtwbc.org](http://www.rtwbc.org).

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