



WINNER

2018 Wisconsin Governor's Award

"Outstanding Large Service Disabled Veteran Business 2018"



December 13, 2018 - MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Nine businesses in Wisconsin received top honors at the 2018 MarketPlace Governor's Awards competition, which recognize businesses owned by minorities, women and veterans with service disabilities.

One of the nine businesses that received the award was U.S. Vet General Contracting, LLC of McFarland. With veterans making up about 40 percent of the staff, the president of the business, Matthew Bell said he chose this line of work to find purpose after leaving the Army. "In 2009, I retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years and I had a big hole in my life," Bell said. Starting the business in 2010 helped him continue his passion for serving others. He calls it a particularly fulfilling career because he gets to serve other veterans.

*Bell said receiving the award is a testament to the hard work his staff puts in on a daily basis. "I owe it all to the employees," he said. "Good employees. They work hard here and they make U.S. Vet look great."*

Bell's staffers said receiving the award is an honor and a testament to the hard work Bell puts in.

"He's a great person to work for and really cares about his employees," said Jason Fischl, a project manager at U.S. Vet General Contracting. "He takes care of us very well. We are all proud of him for all the hard work he puts in."

"He's the leader of the pack," said Sarah Berry, Bell's executive assistant. "Matt is a great employer. He is a great boss. He's part of a team. He doesn't put himself above anyone. He's a good person to be around and be with and work for."

Matthew Bell stated that "It's a big honor to get this award and we're very proud to get it." As a fellow veteran and now business owner, Bell takes great satisfaction in serving those who have served us.

*"As a Veteran-owned and staffed organization, we strive to serve our clients with the traits and values learned while serving our country: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage."*

These traits have carried over into US Vet's business practices and are reflected in their company culture. They have steadily built their reputation project-by-project and customer-by-customer, with hard work and a commitment to these values. Over time, US Vet has earned a reputation as a "stand-out" company to work with. Being chosen for the top honor in Wisconsin is public recognition of the hard work, growth, and great reputation that US Vet enjoys.

*\*The annual Governor's Marketplace Event recognizes outstanding businesses in minority, women owned and veteran owned businesses. This event is hosted by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.*