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Patterson-UTI Drilling Company Designated a 2013 Top 100 Military Friendly Employer® by G.I. Jobs

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HOUSTON, Nov. 8, 2012 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- PATTERSON-UTI ENERGY, INC. (NASDAQ: PTEN) announced today that its subsidiary, Patterson-UTI Drilling Company LLC, has been designated a 2013 Top 100 Military Friendly Employer® by G.I. Jobs. This designation is awarded annually from a group of over 5,000 companies based on the strength of company military recruiting efforts, the percentage of new hires with prior military service, retention programs, and company policies on National Guard and Reserve service.

Mike Holcomb, President of Patterson-UTI Drilling Company LLC, stated, "We take great pride in Patterson-UTI receiving this designation. This is the second recognition we have received this year for hiring veterans, as we were also named as one of the Most Valuable Employers for Military by CivilianJobs.com. Early on we recognized the valuable role that military veterans could have, and we set a goal of hiring as many new employees as possible from the ranks of returning military servicemen and women. Hiring military veterans is a win-win scenario for Patterson-UTI as we provide good jobs for people who served our country and at the same time we add valuable employees to our workforce. In addition to actively recruiting and hiring employees with military experience, Patterson-UTI Drilling Company LLC is a member of the Employer Support of the Guard and the Reserves. This affiliation demonstrates our proud commitment to Guard and Reserve Service Members in local communities throughout the United States."

About Patterson-UTI

Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. subsidiaries provide onshore contract drilling and pressure pumping services to exploration and production companies in North America. Patterson-UTI Drilling Company LLC has more than 300 marketable land-based drilling rigs and operates primarily in oil and natural gas producing regions of Texas, New

Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Alaska and western Canada. Universal Pressure Pumping, Inc. and Universal Well Services, Inc. provide pressure pumping services primarily in Texas and the Appalachian region.

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