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Patterson-UTI Drilling Company Designated a 2014 Top 100 Military Friendly Employer® by G.I. Jobs

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HOUSTON, Nov. 11, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- PATTERSON-UTI ENERGY, INC. (NASDAQ: PTEN) announced today that its subsidiary, Patterson-UTI Drilling Company LLC, has been designated a 2014 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, "America's veterans have many transferrable skills that were gained during their time in service to our country. We take great pride in helping these individuals transition from military to civilian employment by hiring and training them for well-paying jobs in the oil and gas industry. Military veterans have become central to our personnel recruiting strategy, and we strive to hire as many as possible. Approximately half of our new employees hired over the past year are military veterans. 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 and its subsidiaries have more than 300 marketable land-based drilling rigs and operate primarily in oil and natural gas producing regions in the continental United States, Alaska, and western and northern Canada. Universal Pressure Pumping,

Inc. and Universal Well Services, Inc. provide pressure pumping services primarily in Texas and the Appalachian region.

Location information about the Company's drilling rigs and their individual inventories is available through the Company's website at **www.patenergy.com**.

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