



**NEWS RELEASE**

1414 W. Hamilton Ave.  
P.O. Box 8  
Eau Claire, WI 54702-0008  
(715) 737-2565 – Media Line  
[www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com)

## **Gov. Walker recognizes Xcel Energy for exceeding veteran hiring goals**

**EAU CLAIRE, Wis.** (Feb. 28, 2018) – Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker presented Xcel Energy leaders this week with a 'Certificate of Commendation' honoring the company's commitment to hiring military veterans.

For three years running, the company has exceeded a goal of having at least 10 percent of all new hires come from a military background. During an event in Madison on Tuesday, Gov. Walker applauded the company for not only hiring military veterans, but also for supporting veteran-owned businesses. In 2016, Xcel Energy spent \$402 million with diverse suppliers, with a large portion going to more than 140 veteran entrepreneurs.

In addition to this recognition, Xcel Energy has been recognized as Best for Vets employer by *Military Times* for the fourth year in a row and a Military Friendly Employer by *G.I. Jobs* magazine for the eighth consecutive year.

For more information on careers for veterans at Xcel Energy, visit:  
<https://www.xcelenergy.com/Company/Careers/Veterans>

###

Xcel Energy (NASDAQ: XEL) provides the energy that powers millions of homes and businesses across eight Western and Midwestern states. With its Wisconsin headquarters in Eau Claire, Wis. the company is an industry leader in responsibly reducing carbon emissions and producing and delivering clean energy solutions from a variety of renewable sources at competitive prices.