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• Efforts to make the **University of Utah** more environmentally sustainable received an above-average grade from the **Sustainable Endowments Institute**, an independent non-profit organization that researches and promotes sustainability efforts on U.S. college campuses. In its 2011 report card just released, the institute gave the U a B+ for its many green programs and future planning. That's an improvement from the 2010 report card, in which the U received a B grade. Over the past year, the University of Utah released its 2010 Climate Action Plan, the Frederick Albert Sutton Building was awarded LEED Gold certification for its environmentally friendly design, and the Sustainable Campus Initiative Fund allowed students to create projects such as demonstration rain gardens, expanded food gardens and energy conservation outreach programs.

HUMAN RESOURCES

• The **Department of Workforce Services** and allied agencies will sponsor an **Information and Job Fair for Utah's veterans** on Nov. 10. The event will be held from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at The South Towne Expo Center, 9575 S. State St., Sandy.

Veterans will have the opportunity to meet with employers in many different occupations and careers. Attendees are encouraged to bring a current resume.

• **GBS Benefits**, a full-service insurance and employee benefits firm in Salt Lake City, has retained the services of legal and government affairs consultant **R. Chet Loftis** to assist its clients in meeting the challenges and opportunities associated with health care reform. Loftis has worked with all three branches of the Utah state government, including health and human services counsel to the Utah Legislature.

INSURANCE

• **Terry H. Buckner**, president and CEO of the Salt Lake City-based insurance firm **The Buckner Co.**, along with employee benefits sales executive **Rich Peterson**, received a **Patriot Award** on Oct. 28 from Robert K. Watts of **Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve**. Buckner employee John Walters, who recently served for one year on active duty in Afghanistan, nominated the two for the award. Walters, now a member of the Marine Corps Reserve, began his career as an employee benefits insurance agent with The Buckner Co. just four months before being called out on active duty. He left

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