

## **U.S. Department of Defense Honors Praxis Engineering Technology with the Pro Patria Award**

### **State-level award is highest honor given to a civilian employer**

Baltimore, Maryland— The Maryland Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (MDESGR), an agency of the a staff group within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs , honored Praxis Engineering Technology, a 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Award Semi-Finalist in the Small Business category, with the prestigious Pro Patria Award.

The Pro Patria Award is the highest state-level award given to employers by the state committee. Recipients are honored for their exceptional support for United States national defense by adopting personnel policies that make it easier for employees to serve as Guard members and reservists. On September 17, 2011 at the Clarion Resort Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland at the MDESGR Annual Awards Banquet, State Chair, Mr. George Doetsch, Jr., presented the award to Vice President/owners Jerry Schepers and Jeremy Kaufman. Mr. Schepers said “We are honored to be recognized, but those really deserving of an award are our Reserve and National Guard personnel – they are vital to the defense of our nation. Praxis is committed to their well being and that of their families. It is the least we can do.”

Praxis Engineering, headquartered in Annapolis Junction, Maryland, is a consulting, products, and solutions firm dedicated to the practical application of software and systems engineering technologies to ensure the success of our customers. Praxis Engineering brings together world class engineering talent combined with engineering best practices, domain expertise, commercial technologies, and proven agile management approaches to create high-value solutions aimed at helping our customers meet their mission critical needs.

Praxis Engineering Technology signed a Statement of Support Certificate as a visible reminder of their support of those who serve in the National Guard and Reserve and whose policies and procedures are in compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-Employment Rights Act (USERRA).

### **About ESGR**

The ESGR is an agency within the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. The committee was established by Presidential Executive Order in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in resolution of conflicts arising from an employee’s military commitment. Today, ESGR operates through a network of more than 4,200 volunteers in 54 committees located in each state, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Europe. The Maryland ESGR Committee is tasked to promote understanding of the National Guard and Reserve with both public and private sector employers.