

## Press Release

### **Freeborn Announces Strategic Partnership with The Bunker at 1871**

**CHICAGO – Nov. 11, 2014** – Freeborn & Peters LLP announced today that it has entered into a strategic corporate partnership with The Bunker, an incubator for veteran-owned, tech-enabled businesses. The facility, which launched November 1, currently assists 19 veteran-owned businesses, including Fanning Communications, Flank 5 Academy, Dwyer and Strategic Spirits Activation.

“Freeborn is proud to be a part of The Bunker,” said Todd J. Ohlms, Co-Leader of Freeborn’s Private Equity & Venture Capital Industry Team. “As a fellow veteran, I recognize the resourcefulness and dedication of these veteran entrepreneurs. Providing them with our firm’s assistance is an honor and an opportunity to continue to grow Chicago’s start-up community.”

Freeborn’s commitment will support the growth and development of the veteran-owned companies that are accepted into The Bunker’s accelerator program by providing a range of legal services and strategic guidance. A particular benefit to the start-ups is the firm’s Private Equity & Venture Capital Industry Team, led in part by Mr. Ohlms, which will help connect The Bunker’s program participants to potential investors and provide counsel on such relevant legal matters as seed-funding arrangements.

“Freeborn’s Private Equity & Venture Capital Industry Team routinely helps manage the legal affairs of portfolio companies across the nation with our unique Counsel Connect<sup>SM</sup> program, which provides clients with fixed-fee legal services,” Mr. Ohlms said. “We look forward to providing the same level of committed and effective service to The Bunker’s program participants our other clients have come to expect.”

“We value the partnership between The Bunker and Freeborn and look forward to collaborating to provide these veteran-owned businesses with the resources they need to thrive,” said Todd Connor, CEO of The Bunker. “It’s wonderful to see local businesses support Chicago’s growing veteran-entrepreneur ecosystem.”

#### **ABOUT FREEBORN & PETERS**

Freeborn & Peters LLP is a full-service law firm, headquartered in Chicago, with international capabilities. Freeborn is always looking ahead and seeking to find better ways to serve its clients. It takes a proactive approach to ensure its clients are more informed, prepared and able to achieve greater success – not just now, but also in the future. While the firm serves clients across a very broad range of sectors, it has also pioneered an interdisciplinary approach that serves the specific needs of targeted industries, including food, transportation, private equity and venture capital, credit unions, and

insurance and reinsurance.

Freeborn is a firm that genuinely lives up to its core values of integrity, caring, effectiveness, teamwork, and commitment, and embodies them through high standards of client service and responsive action. Its lawyers build close and lasting relationships with clients and are driven to help them achieve their legal and business objectives.

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## **ABOUT THE BUNKER**

The Bunker is the nations first veteran led incubator to help veteran owned businesses grow, raise capital, and become sustainable. Launched in June 2014 in Chicago with support from Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Governor Pat Quinn, and 1871 CEO Howard Tullman, The Bunker is housed at Chicago's innovation hub 1871, with over 75,000 square feet of resources, investors, mentors and corporate resources. Since being announced in Chicago, The Bunker affiliates are being established in seven other cities, with continued expansion plans to grow and strengthen the national veteran entrepreneur network.

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