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## Upwardly Global Teams with Accenture to Launch New Online Employment Training Program

*Grant is part of Accenture's corporate citizenship initiative, Skills to Succeed*

**NEW YORK; December 4, 2013** – [Upwardly Global](#) (UpGlo) announced today it has launched a new [Online Employment Training Program](#) aimed at helping skilled immigrants rebuild their careers in the United States. The program, developed in part by a grant from Accenture, offers remote access to free interactive trainings on job search skills, resume writing, interviewing and networking and has already provided assistance to 1,000 job seekers. The grant is part of Accenture's corporate citizenship initiative, [Skills to Succeed](#), which plans to equip 500,000 people around the world by 2015 with the skills to get a job or build a business.

"Our Online Employment Training Program provides the scale we need to reach skilled immigrants across the U.S.," said Nikki Cicerani, president and CEO, Upwardly Global. "This program is critical to UpGlo's growth and our ability to impact the approximately 1.8 million highly educated immigrants in this country who are unemployed or underemployed."

Accenture's grant helped to implement an online platform, which expands the reach of UpGlo's employment training by enabling job seekers across the country to access the program online. Additionally, Accenture employees are volunteering more than 700 hours to coach and mentor UpGlo participants on capabilities skills such as resume writing and interview skills to support their job searches.

"UpGlo's Online Employment Training Program demonstrates how technology is making a tremendous contribution in education, training and skills," said Michael Scimo, managing director, Human Capital & Diversity, North America, Accenture. "We share UpGlo's commitment to providing people with the skills necessary to find employment and to making a significant, lasting impact on the long-term vitality of immigrant and refugee job seekers and their families."

With Accenture's support, UpGlo also launched a series of specialized healthcare trainings, which are available on the organization's [website](#). The trainings provide requirements and employment opportunities for foreign-trained physicians, nurses, pharmacists and dentists.

Eligibility requirements for Online Employment Training Program participants include Green Card or Refugee/Asylee status, as well as professional work experience and a bachelor's degree or higher from outside the U.S. The program includes 16 self-paced training modules and more than 50 downloadable resources targeted to helping users acquire the techniques and cultural know-how needed to market themselves as competitive candidates for U.S. jobs.

### **About Upwardly Global**

Upwardly Global, founded in 2000, is a national, award-winning nonprofit organization with offices in San Francisco, New York, and Chicago, and comprehensive online services. Upwardly Global helps work-authorized, skilled immigrants rebuild their professional careers in the U.S. by providing professional job-search training and access to employers with global talent needs. To date, the organization has coached 4,900 skilled immigrants and has assisted over 1,800 professionals back into their career field. For more information about the organization, please visit [www.upwardlyglobal.org](http://www.upwardlyglobal.org).

### **About Accenture**

Accenture is a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company, with approximately 275,000 people serving clients in more than 120 countries. Combining unparalleled experience, comprehensive capabilities across all industries and business functions, and extensive research on the world's most successful companies, Accenture collaborates with clients to help them become high-performance businesses and governments. Through its **Skills to Succeed** corporate citizenship focus, Accenture is committed to equipping 500,000 people around the world by 2015 with the skills to get a job or build a business. The company generated net revenues of US\$28.6 billion for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2013. Its home page is [www.accenture.com](http://www.accenture.com).

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