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Secretary Perez: DWD & Regional Workforce Board Partnering with Oshkosh Truck on Special Job Fair to Fill Skilled Positions

State Labor Secretary cites contractor's need for welders, assemblers & other positions

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Manny Perez said today the department and its regional workforce partner, the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board Inc., will join Oshkosh Truck in holding a special, two-day job fair, starting Sunday, February 27th, in Oshkosh to recruit welders and assembly workers the manufacturer needs to fill defense contract orders.

"Together with the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board Inc., we are answering the call to help Oshkosh Truck find the best workers to build military trucks and armored vehicles our brave men and women need in combat abroad," Secretary Perez said. "I urge job seekers with welding and assembly skills, including those registered on our online [JobCenterofWisconsin.com](http://www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com), to attend this two-day job fair."

Cheryl Welch, Executive Director of the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, said: "Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, Inc. with other partner agencies, is using its Job Center resources to support individuals in the on-line application process and preparation for the Job Fair itself. Basic computer classes and mock interviews are a snapshot of services being provided. Also, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board is working with Fox Valley Technical College, Moraine Park Technical College and Lakeshore Technical College to provide basic welding courses for Oshkosh Corp future positions and other companies in the region."

Oshkosh Defense, a division of the Oshkosh Corporation, is expanding and has immediate openings for qualified welders and assembly line workers. DWD, the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board and Oshkosh Defense will hold the Oshkosh Defense Welder and Assembler Job Fair on Sunday, February 27th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Monday, February 28th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Oshkosh City Center Hotel & Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street, in Oshkosh.

In addition to jointly organizing the job fair, DWD identified over 2,000 Wisconsin job seekers registered with www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com and listed skills that would meet Oshkosh Truck's employment needs. The agency has proactively notified these jobseekers about the employment opportunities and upcoming job fair.

"By working in collaboration with the private sector, workforce development boards and other key partners, we are aligning resources to help meet private sector labor needs, resulting in opportunities for sustainable employment for Wisconsinites," Secretary Perez said.

"If you are a job seeker but do not currently have welder or assembler experience, I still urge you to visit www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com, where you can find over 24,000 job openings and, if qualified, pursue the application process," Secretary Perez added. "If you need additional training or other assistance, please connect with our state Job Service system, as well."

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Oshkosh Defense is an industry-leading global designer and manufacturer of tactical military trucks and armored wheeled vehicles. They deliver a full product line of conventional and hybrid vehicles, advanced armor options, proprietary suspensions and vehicles with payloads that can exceed 70 tons. Oshkosh Defense provides a global service and supply network including full life-cycle support and remanufacturing. Their vehicles are recognized the world over for superior performance, reliability and protection.

For more information on the welder positions, duties, and required qualifications, check here:
https://oshkosh.recruitmax.com//main/careerportal/Job_Profile.cfm?szOrderID=12186&szReturnToSearch=1&szWordsToHighlight=

For more information on the assembler positions, duties, and required qualifications, check here:
https://oshkosh.recruitmax.com//main/careerportal/Job_Profile.cfm?szOrderID=12184&szReturnToSearch=1&szWordsToHighlight=

In addition to these positions, Oshkosh Truck said there may be some entry level jobs, prep and trim technicians.

For information about the Job Fair location and directions:
Center: <http://www.oshkoshconventioncenter.com/index.htm>
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