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Secretary Newson Announces Fox Valley Career Expo, May 21, in Oshkosh

Urges job seekers and employers to register now for first Fox Valley Career Expo, includes Virtual Expo extending opportunity for participating job seekers and employers to connect

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today announced a Fox Valley Career Expo, to be held May 21 at the Sunny View Expo Center in Oshkosh. The expo is DWD's first in the area and the first of any to include a Virtual Expo that will extend opportunities for participating employers and registered job seekers to connect on line following the event at Sunny View.

"The Fox Valley Career Expo is a great opportunity for job seekers and employers to connect," Secretary Newson said. "For three years now, we've offered career expos to take recruiting to a new level, and the Fox Valley Career Expo has an added bonus, a Virtual Expo that provides online opportunities for participants to connect in the days that follow."

So far, nearly 40 employers have registered already for the expo. Like earlier expos, the Fox Valley Career Expo is open only to employers with jobs to fill and to job seekers who register in advance. In the quick and easy registration process, job seekers meet with Job Service staff who review their resumes and help them take additional steps to prepare for the expo. The expo hours May 21 are from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for veterans and from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for all job seekers.

Career Expos are part of Governor Walker's comprehensive strategies to keep Wisconsin moving forward, strategies he updated in January with his Blueprint for Prosperity to build on successful efforts the past three years. The first DWD sponsored career expo was the Milwaukee Manufacturing Career Expo, held at State Fair Park, on May 10, 2012.

Employers interested in registering for the Fox Valley Career Expo can find details and register online at www.WisconsinCareerExpo.com.

Interested job seekers are urged to pre-register. To do so, they must complete a simple registration process:

1. Visit www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com, and register or update your information;
2. Use the Job Seeker Tools on the site to create or update a resume and complete a self-assessment survey (be sure to print copies for the final step); and
3. Complete a work readiness session with an employment specialist at a local Job Center to review the resume and self-assessment survey, review steps in the job application process, and receive an admission ticket. Work readiness sessions are available during regular Job Center hours now through Tuesday, May 20.

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