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## **Secretary Newson: Over 70 Employers Registered for Fox Valley Career Expo May 21 in Oshkosh, Good Jobs Available in Many Sectors**

*Job seekers urged to register now for opportunity to meet employers at Sunny View Expo Center, or connect on line in DWD's first Virtual Career Expo through June 13*

MADISON – With the Fox Valley Career Expo only two weeks away, Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today said over 70 employers with job openings have registered and he urged job seekers to register now for the opportunity to connect with them in Oshkosh on May 21 or on line during a Virtual Career Expo, a first in DWD's special recruiting events.

"We have employers in manufacturing, ship building, transportation, logistics, food processing, healthcare and education," Secretary Newson said. "Employment opportunities range from entry level warehouse workers to mechanical engineers. The day of the expo is fast approaching, so job seekers should register now."

For the past three years, DWD has sponsored career expos to take recruiting to the next level. The events are open only to employers with jobs to fill and to job seekers who register in advance, successfully complete a pre-screening process and demonstrate their work readiness. Job Service staff organizing the event expecting more than 1,500 job seekers to register and attend the career expo.

The Fox Valley Career Expo at the Sunny View Expo Center on May 21 is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for veterans and from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for all job seekers. Unlike earlier expos, the Fox Valley event includes a Virtual Career Expo, extending opportunities for registered job seekers and employers to connect on line until June 13.

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](http://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](http://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. Meet 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. Job Center staff are available during regular Job Center hours now through Tuesday, May 20.

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