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DWD Secretary Newson: Number of Work-Ready Job Seekers Registered for Manufacturing Career Expo Hits 700 and Counting

DWD, local partners counsel hundreds of job seekers from Milwaukee region and beyond for May 10 event

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today announced that over 700 work-ready job seekers are signed up for the 2012 Milwaukee Manufacturing Career Expo to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 10 at State Fair Park.

“Dozens of Milwaukee area manufacturers with hundreds of job openings have signed up, and now job seekers are showing equal enthusiasm in taking advantage of this recruitment opportunity,” Secretary Newson said. “By ensuring job seekers are work-ready and by requiring employers have open positions to fill, we are taking the ‘job fair’ concept to a new level with the Career Expo. This event is a reflection of the vision that Governor Walker’s ‘Wisconsin Working’ plan puts forth to pursue new ways to connect job seekers with open positions.”

DWD and local workforce partners are meeting with job seekers at locations such as Milwaukee, Waukesha, Racine and Kenosha and will continue to provide Career Expo Readiness Review Sessions for interested job seekers through May 9. Secretary Newson stressed the importance of job seekers acting as quickly as possible to get the necessary admission ticket and avoid a pre-registration rush the final days before the career expo.

Secretary Newson noted the available positions range in pay from approximately \$12 to \$15 to nearly \$40 an hour. Employers have listed wages for some positions as negotiable. The website www.WisconsinCareerExpo.com lists participating employers and connects job seekers to registration information on www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com.

Registration takes three easy steps:

1. Visit www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com, and either register with the DWD online employment site or, if already registered, update information as necessary;
2. Use the site’s “Job Seeker Tools” to create or update a resume, take a self assessment survey, save and print copies of both for the final step;
3. Complete a one-on-one session with an employment specialist, who will review the resume and assessment results and cover potential steps in the job application process before issuing an admission ticket. A list with times and locations to complete these sessions is available through www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com.

On the web:

Job Center of Wisconsin (registration for job seekers): www.WisconsinJobCenter.org/jobfairs/screening_info.htm
Milwaukee Manufacturing Career Expo: www.WisconsinCareerExpo.com