

Area job fair, business expo announced

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The Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium (JCEDC) and regional Workforce Development Partners will host a regional job fair and business expo May 11.

The event is for workers seeking internships, apprenticeships, entry-level, and professional-grade positions. The morning, 10 a.m. to noon, will focus on high school students looking for part-time/seasonal, apprenticeships, and career-path opportunities as well as veterans. All high schools in area will be attending. The remainder of the day, noon to 6 p.m., will be open to the general public. Job seekers are encouraged to bring their polished resumes.

The event is seeking employers hiring in 2016 for internships, apprenticeships, entry-level, and professional-grade positions. Employers can sign up at <http://jcedcjobfair.eventbrite.com>.

Space is limited and is available to employers on a first come, first serve basis. Registration for mid-large sized businesses (+5 or more employees) is \$75. Registration for small sized businesses (5 or less) is \$50. For small businesses wanting to post open-positions there will be a job board to post openings for free. Send inquiry for this option to Genevieve Coady at genevievec@jcedc.net.

“Our area is experiencing a significant number of layoffs including Tyson, McCain, Eaton, and others – but the workforce is set to grow by nearly 1,000 jobs in the next year or so, Coady, JCEDC executive director, said. “This fair is critical in connecting our employers to the workforce needed. Recruitment and retention of quality workforce has been the number one issue heard from area companies.”

“With unemployment rates wavering between 3-5 percent in our area we are nearing max employment for the workforce,” according to Benjamin Wehmeier, Jefferson County administrator. “This job fair aims to connect more highly-skilled workers to the positions they seek in our area.”

The JCEDC is asking area partners to help get the word out about the event to area employers and job seekers. All proceeds from the event will be used for marketing of the event to recruit job seekers from both within Jefferson County but also its environs surrounding the area as well. Networking with employers will also be encouraged at booths.

The event will be at the Creamery Building, 201 N. Main St, Fort Atkinson, on the second and third floors.

The JCEDC serves as the lead economic development organization in Jefferson County. The consortium was formed in June 2003 to implement Jefferson's Overall Economic Development Program and to achieve the economic development goals of the county. Its overall goals are to foster and encourage responsible, sustainable economic development activities that result in job creation, job retention, increase the tax base and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Jefferson County.