

Dept. of Workforce Development: Milwaukee Career Expo & Wisconn Valley Construction Resource Fair draw hundreds of attendees to State Fair Park

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MILWAUKEE –Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Ray Allen joined local leaders and other partners on Thursday, May 3, to welcome hundreds of job seekers and interested members of the public to the Milwaukee Career Expo and Wisconn Valley Construction Resource Fair at State Fair Park

“Employers in Wisconsin including the Milwaukee area are hiring, and the career expo was designed to connect employers that have openings to fill with job seekers who are in the market for good-paying opportunities,” Secretary Allen said. “Plus, we were pleased to welcome our Wisconn Valley Construction Resource Fair partners to this year’s event, which drew additional members of the public to learn more about in-demand construction careers.”

The career expo featured approximately 150 employers with openings to fill. Additionally, 50 resource providers representing businesses, trade associations, non-profit organizations, and others attended, including Wisconn Valley Resource Fair partners with information on what it takes to pursue careers in Wisconsin’s

booming construction industry. Between the expo and resource fair, at least 670 job seekers and members of the public attended.

Liz Grams, Recruiter for Marcus Hotels & Resorts, seeks qualified candidates from all skill levels to fit customer service-focused positions at Marcus Hotels & Resorts within the Milwaukee Metro area. These properties include The Pfister Hotel, InterContinental Milwaukee hotel, Hilton Milwaukee City Center and the SafeHouse.

"This is one of my favorite job fairs, it really draws a nice candidate base," Grams said. "They are ready when they walk through the door, with professional attire and resumes in hand. I love the level of preparation that went into the candidates that I'm seeing today."

Bob Rettmann, an Iraq War veteran from West Allis, attended the event seeking positions and connections for a career in communications. Rettmann said his main objective is to land a job while at the expo, but he's also looking for network connections.

"I've been looking for work for the last couple of months and I know there's some great employers here," Rettmann said. "I'm really developing a network of people I can communicate with whenever I land a job. It's really important to keep that professional development going."

The Milwaukee Career Expo is the region's premiere hiring event coordinated in partnership between DWD and Employ Milwaukee. The Wisconsin Valley Construction Resource Fair was made possible through collaborations between DWD and the state Departments of Transportation and Administration, along with Employ Milwaukee and the city and county of Milwaukee.

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