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LOCAL AGENCIES ANNOUNCE 2013 DIVERSITY WORKS JOB FAIR

Shreveport, LA - Since 1945, Congress has designated October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month in an effort to educate the public about disability and employment. Governor Bobby Jindal, Shreveport Mayor Cedric Glover, and Bossier City Mayor Lorenz Walker have followed suit, issuing proclamations recognizing the importance of employing people with disabilities to build an inclusive community and strong economy.

To help create awareness about the talents and abilities of people who are disabled, local agencies will host the 2013 Diversity Works Job Fair on Wednesday, October 30th. The job fair will be held at the Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Road, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Organizing agencies include Caddo Career Solution, Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, Families Helping Families, Goodwill of North Louisiana, Louisiana Association for the Blind, and Louisiana Rehabilitation Services.

The Diversity Works Job Fair is free and open to the public, but is especially geared for job seekers with disabilities. The job fair provides an excellent venue for employers who want to diversify their workforce.

“The job fair is an excellent opportunity for employers to meet face-to-face with job seekers who are disabled, and to learn about their talents,” said local job fair committee chairperson Elizabeth Williams, who works at Goodwill Industries. “This year, we are excited to once again offer a mini-symposium, which provides participating businesses with information on a variety of employment-related topics.”

Since the job fair initiative began in Louisiana 10 years ago, roughly 15,000 job seekers have been connected with more than 1,500 businesses statewide. Last year’s job fair helped nearly 100 individuals gain employment.

Businesses who hire veterans and individuals from other target groups with significant barriers to employment may be eligible to take advantage of a variety of tax credits offered by the federal government.

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