

# NEWS RELEASE

## 2016 NORTHEAST LOUISIANA CAREER FAIR

MONROE – The place for jobseekers to be on Wednesday, February 24 is at the 2016 Northeast Louisiana Career Fair. The Career Fair will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Monroe Civic Center Conference Hall. Admission to the event is free and open to all area jobseekers.

The 2016 Northeast Louisiana Career Fair is an excellent opportunity for jobseekers to connect with employers who have quality jobs that they are hoping to fill. Jobseekers will have the opportunity to meet with several employers at a single location. Jobseekers are encouraged to bring several copies of their resume, to dress professionally for the event and are asked to leave children at home or with a caretaker. Thirty-five businesses will participate representing a wide array of employers from manufacturing and industry, health care, communications, the retail sector and customer service.

The following businesses have confirmed: Advantage Resourcing, Affordable Home Furnishings, Angus Chemical, ARCO, Christus St. Joseph's Home, Century 21 United, City of Monroe, City of Monroe Fire and Police Departments, Columbia Parish Council on Aging, Diversity One Staffing, Drug and Alcohol Testing Compliance Service, Express Employment Professionals, Glenwood Hospital, Goodwill Services, Hixon Autoplex, Kelly Services, Louisiana Delta Community College, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home, Louisiana Pain Care, Louisiana State Police, Louisiana Works, Manpower, McCann School of Business and Technology, NOVA, Red Peach Radio, Sapa Extrusions, LLC., St. Francis Medical Center, University Health-Conway, ULM Older Worker Program, ULM, United Way of Northeast Louisiana, Louisiana Works, Volunteers of America and more.

The employers who are participating have listed the following jobs: CDL drivers, millwright workers, light industrial, forklift driver, welders, mechanics, industrial process operators, instrumentation technician, data entry, accountants, book keeping, human resource professionals, information technology, call

center, collections, retail management, direct support workers for people with disabilities, general labor, manufacturing, production, engineering, environmental/health and safety, industrial process operators, journalism, youth support, mass communication, marketing, management, mental health professionals, radio announcers, customer service, health care, nurses (RNs and LPNs & CNAs), first responders, paramedic, security guard services, and support coordinators among many other openings.

The skills most requested by employers include: the ability to multi task, friendly, willing to work, having the ability to pay attention to detail, customer service, critical thinking, telephone processing skills, GIS skills, good communication skills (verbal and written), basic computer skills, clear criminal background, and a good driving record. Several of the public safety positions also require applicants to pass a civil service exam, be physically fit, drug free and have a high school diploma or GED.

Staff members with Louisiana Works will be available to help job applicants register with the Louisiana Works' job bank. In addition, staff members will be on hand to assist with job searches and counseling. Several area training providers will also be on hand to provide information for people who want to upgrade their skills and training.

Sponsors for the event are the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, ATMOS, The News-Star, the City of Monroe, Lagniappe Broadcasting, the Louisiana Works, KTVE 10, Fox 14, The Radio People, and the Northeast Louisiana Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Managers.

For more information call the Monroe Chamber at 318-323-3461.