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## Fond du Lac Regional Job Fair 1-4 pm Wednesday, April 13; First FDL Job Fair Since Before the Pandemic

The Fond du Lac Regional Job Fair will return to the Expo Center at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, 1-4 pm on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The Fox Valley Job Centers, the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, are sponsoring this year's recruitment event to take place at the Fond du Lac Expo Center, 520 Fond du lac Avenue, Fond du Lac. This year marks the return of the annual event, which was disrupted in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With 82 employers representing Fond du Lac and 10 surrounding counties, job seekers will have the opportunity to learn about hundreds of available jobs representing a wide variety of industries at all skill levels. This public, no-fee job fair is open to everyone regardless of current employment status. Full and part-time jobs will be available in addition to seasonal summer help and apprenticeship opportunities. Businesses from across the region will feature a wide mix of available positions including office, service, manufacturing, healthcare, skilled trades and other professional positions.

"Job seekers tell us all the time their No. 1 complaint is sending resume after resume and never having the chance to speak to a real person during the application process," said Debbie Warga, Department of Workforce Development Job Service District Director. "This job fair will allow attendees to meet recruiters face to face, discuss open roles and review resumes on site. Some employers will even conduct on-the-spot interviews."

Warga added, "At our last job fair, employers were texting job seekers to schedule follow up meetings even before job seekers left the parking lot. As the labor shortage continues, the chances of attendees getting an offer from one or more employers is incredibly high."

At the April 13 Fond du Lac Regional Job Fair, in addition to Fond du Lac County, employers from Brown, Calumet, Dane, Dodge, Green Lake, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Sheboygan, Washington, and Winnebago counties will be recruiting. In addition, Minnesota, Indiana and Iowa employers will have local or virtual roles available. Job seekers should bring several copies of an updated resume to share on site. If you need a refreshed resume in advance, local assistance can be found at the Fox Valley Job Centers (920.997.3272 or find your closest American Job Center at <a href="http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/default.htm">http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/default.htm</a>.

A complete list of all current employers registered can be found on the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board web site at <a href="www.foxvalleywork.org">www.foxvalleywork.org</a> and will be updated frequently. Pre-registration for job seekers is not required. Veterans will receive a special VIP attendance ribbon at the door to signal their status to employers.

Questions about the job fair should be directed to Debbie Warga, Job Service District Director, <a href="mailto:debra.warga@dwd.wisconsin.gov">debra.warga@dwd.wisconsin.gov</a> or 920-404-6809. The fair is a collaborative effort

sponsored by Fox Valley Job Centers, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board.

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**Fox Valley Workforce Development Board** (FVWDB) is a not-for-profit working to build a world-class workforce in northeast Wisconsin. Serving six counties — Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago — FVWDB collaborates with a number of state and local agencies to help job seekers gain the skills needed to find employment, and to help businesses find the highly skilled workers they need.

**Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development** (DWD) is a state agency charged with building and strengthening Wisconsin's workforce in the 21st century and beyond. The Department's primary responsibilities include providing job services, training and employment assistance to people looking for work, at the same time as it works with employers on finding the necessary workers to fill current job openings.

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