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## First IN PERSON Job Fair in Appleton Since the Pandemic Began!

## Fox Cities Employment Fair March 24 Features 113 Companies; Job Seekers at All Skill Levels Encouraged to Attend

The Fox Cities Employment Fair will be held 1-4 pm on Thursday, March 24, at Fox Cities Exhibition Center, 355 W. Lawrence Street, Appleton. A total of 113 employers from across the region will feature a wide mix of available positions including office, service, manufacturing, healthcare, and other professional positions.

"There will be a variety of roles, from entry level or more skilled, seasonal, temporary, full and part-time. All job seekers regardless of age, education and work experience are welcome," said Anthony Snyder, CEO of Fox Valley Workforce Development Board. "Some employers will offer on-site interviews while others will be accepting resumes and will schedule interviews at a later date. It's not often you get to hand your resume right to a human being, vs. submitting it online. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity."

Job seekers are encouraged to dress nicely and bring resumes. A complete list of all current employers registered can be found on the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board web site at <u>www.foxvalleywork.org</u>.

This job fair marks the first held in person in the Fox Cities since the start of the pandemic. Some of the region's largest employers are ready to discuss new opportunities with those who are unemployed, underemployed or maybe even unhappily employed.

So, why would a company attend a job fair? Well, to start it's a tight labor market right now and companies are extremely interested in connecting with job seekers. Many of the companies attending will be not only filling positions now but are also looking for people with long term career goals. For example, "5K Fibres is currently building a high-end Niche Nonwovens plant. Things are very exciting! We are looking for hardworking people to join our team! Endless opportunities for advancement in a challenging field," said Doug Brown, President, 5K Fibres.

Other fair sponsors like FVTC and the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce are encouraging all job seekers to attend. "We are happy to partner with Fox Valley Workforce Development on this employment fair. At the Chamber we understand the value of these type of talent recruitment and attraction initiatives, as that is a primary focus of our economic development efforts right now, and another way we can help our Fox Cities employers." Becky Bartoszek, President and CEO, Fox Cities Chamber.

Questions about the job fair should be directed to Bobbi Miller at Fox Valley Workforce Development Board at <u>bmiller@fvwdb.com</u> or 920-470-0837. The fair is a collaborative effort sponsored by Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, Fox Valley Job Centers, 5K Fibres, Foremost Farms, Tyson, City of Neenah, Fox Valley Technical College, Fox Cities Chamber and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

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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.

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