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68 Companies registered for Williston Multi Employer Job Fair Sept. 12; More Space Available

Job seekers are invited to Williston's annual fall job fair on Wednesday, Sept. 12. The Multi Employer Job Fair will be open from 3-7 p.m. at the Raymond Family Community Center.

So far nearly 70 employers have registered for the job fair; but more room is available. Job Service North Dakota says the event provides a great opportunity for companies to meet and interview potential employees.

"As of today we have 68 registered employers. We are expecting about 600 job seekers," said Fran Zerr, Job Service North Dakota.

Zerr recommends job seekers bring I-9 identification (valid driver's license, passport, resident card, green card, CDL License if applicable, etc.), and several copies of their resume. She said job seekers can prepare for potential interviews by visiting the website jobsnd.com and looking at job posting 537548. The website provides an up-to-date listing of the employers who have registered and the openings they are looking to fill. Historically there has been an urgent need for CDL drivers, and that trend persists this fall.

"There continues to be more job openings than job seekers," says Zerr. "Some areas of highest need are CDL drivers, construction, health care and oilfield."

The Online Job Openings Report for July 2018 has a total of 1,670 job openings in northwestern North Dakota: 43 openings in Divide County, 342 in McKenzie County and 1,285 in Williams County.

Some of the characteristics employers would like from new hires are the ability to pass drug tests and being trainable.

"Employers are looking for good driving records, ability to pass drug screenings, to be coachable, teachable and dependable, possess or be able to obtain a CDL," said Zerr.

At a time when there is more demand for workers than supply, Zerr says employers have also gotten creative at selling their businesses and offering fresh incentives.

"Many employers are marketing themselves to job seekers as being "family friendly," emphasizing the importance of a work/family balance. Investing in employee retention,

companies are offering various work shifts to meet the unique needs of job seekers,” said Zerr.

The 1 Day, 1 Fair Multi-Employer Job Fair is sponsored by Job Service North Dakota, Williston Economic Development, the Williston Herald, Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce, McKenzie County Job Development Authority and the Rough Rider Center.

For more details contact Job Service in Williston at 701-774-7900.