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Williston Economic Development

2 Days, 2 Job Fairs seeks Employers

Williston is gearing up for a bigger and better job fair! The 2 Days, 2 Job Fairs event will be held in Williston April 25 and Watford City April 26. The job fair in Williston will be held at a new larger venue.

“We are moving the job fair to the Raymond Family Community Center,” said Cindy Sanford, Williston Customer Service Manager. “There will be more space so we can accommodate more than 80 employers compared to 60 at the previous location.”

The Williston Job Fair will be open from 3-7 p.m. while the Watford City Job Fair will be open from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Rough Rider Center. The first half hour of each job fair will be open exclusively to veterans.

Sanford encourages employers to reserve space early so that they can start reaching potential job seekers immediately.

“We are seeing a lot of educated job seekers coming to the Bakken to find work that will allow them to pay off their school loans faster. We have extremely intelligent people who are coming out here to get debt free,” said Sanford.

The 2016 average median household income in Williams County was \$90,080 compared to \$59,114 statewide.

Sanford said Job Service is also seeing people who are looking for fewer hours versus lots of overtime in Williston.

“We have guys that have been working in the oilfield for a while, but now they have a young family and they want more time to coach their kids, go camping,” said Sanford.

Job Service will be advertising the job fairs to potential job seekers in Michigan, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Wyoming and other areas.

“We are seeing job seekers from every state in the US; but most of them are coming from Africa.

We have a much larger global presence today," said Sanford.

Sanford said the number of job seekers coming to their office is on the rise. She said the daily average was hovering around 30-40 people per day in 2017 but that's climbing to more than 70 per day more recently.

For more information about the Williston or Watford City Job Fairs call or visit Job Service in Williston.