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Birmingham Job Readiness Workshop to be Held May 4
Workshop in Preparation for the Fox 6 Regional Job Fair on May 11

BIRMINGHAM – The Alabama Career Center System (ACCS) will host a job readiness workshop on May 4, 2016 at the Alabama Workforce Training Center in downtown Birmingham. The ACCS is partnering with other organizations to provide skills training for all who are currently seeking employment.

Staff from the Birmingham Career Center, along with staff from AIDT (Alabama Industrial Development Training), will conduct the training, which will cover such topics as résumé preparation, interview skills, how to “dress for success,” and soft skills such as timeliness and proper communication skills. Workshop participants will receive a Certificate of Participation that they can present to employers at the job fair.

Additionally, veterans will receive specialized résumé assistance that will enable them to market their military skills in order to best appeal to private employers. The training will also include lessons learned from the Governors Veteran Employer Summit which will help Veterans bridge the gap between Military culture and Corporate culture. This training will be provided in partnership with the Veterans representatives of the Birmingham Career Center and by Still Serving Veterans (SSV), an organization dedicated to assisting veterans and families in obtaining meaningful employment. For more information on SSV, visit www.stillservingveterans.org.

“We are happy to work with these wonderful organizations, who are all dedicated to providing jobseekers with the skills they need to get the job they want,” said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. “I’d like to encourage anyone who is currently looking for employment, or looking for different employment, to attend the workshop. These are valuable skills that, in some cases, may be the deciding factor in landing that perfect job.”

The workshop is to help area jobseekers prepare for a job fair to be held in Birmingham on May 11 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center (BJCC). The May 11 job fair is being sponsored by the Alabama Career Center System / Department of Labor, Fox 6 News, and the City of Birmingham. To pre-register for the Job Fair, please visit www.labor.alabama.gov/jobfair.

The workshop is free and open to all who are interested, but registration is strongly encouraged.

For more information or to register for the workshop, call the Birmingham Career Center at (205) 254-1300 Ext. 0.

WHAT: Job Readiness Workshop

WHEN: Wednesday, May 4, 2016
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHERE: Alabama Workforce Training Center
3500 6th Ave. South
Birmingham, AL

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