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Regional Job Fair to be Held on Wednesday Open to the Public; More than 140 Employers to Attend with 4,700 Jobs

Birmingham – The Alabama Career Center System, in partnership with WBRC Fox 6 News and the City of Birmingham, will host a job fair on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center, East Exhibit Halls 1, 2, and 3.

The job fair is free and open to the public. Jobseekers are encouraged to pre-register online at www.labor.alabama.gov/jobfair. Pre-registering will allow for faster entry, and participants are strongly encouraged to print their confirmation and bring it with them to the job fair.

"We are excited to work with our co-sponsors to gather this many employers in one place in Birmingham," said Alabama Department of Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald Washington. "This is an excellent opportunity for those who are looking for work to come out and meet with dozens of employers. The great thing about our job fairs is that we require all employers who participate to have open positions to fill – there are more than 4,700 available jobs!"

"This job fair is a testament that there are several opportunities for employment in the City of Birmingham. Our partnership with the Alabama Career Center System is one of the many ways we are working to ensure that all citizens are given the resources for job readiness and a secure future though long-term employment," said Birmingham Mayor William Bell.

More than 140 employers are scheduled to attend, including: Alabama Power, UAB Health Systems, Home Depot, Regions Bank, and ACIPCO, among others. (Full listing of employers attached.)

Applicants should come to the job fair with their résumés, be prepared to interview, and should be dressed professionally. Interview space will be provided.

Dozens attended a job preparation workshop held last week in order to help prospective employees prepare for the job fair. Staff from the Birmingham and Alabaster Career Centers, along with other workforce development partners, coached applicants in résumé preparation, interview skills, and how to dress for success.

The Alabama Career Center System's mobile career center along with staff from the Birmingham Career Center and other area career centers will be onsite at the job to assist jobseekers in applying for jobs.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHERE: Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center East Exhibition Halls 1, 2, and 3 2100 Richard Arrington Blvd. N. Birmingham, AL 35203

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Members of the media needing more information should contact Tara Hutchison at (334) 242-8616.