

## **Jobs Plus '09 Job Fair to Be Held at the Gateway Convention Center: Employers Encouraged to Register**

The 19th annual job fair, "Jobs Plus '09", is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, IL. The job fair will be open to the public, with free parking and admission.

Jobs Plus 09 Chairperson, Connie Vick, of the Madison County Employment and Training Department, said that employers looking to hire may now register for the event by calling (618)296-4445 or by going on-line at [www.mcetd.org](http://www.mcetd.org). The registration fee for employers is \$150.00 and in turn, they will be provided with an 8-foot table, chairs, signage, electrical hook-ups, a catered lunch and luncheon presentation, and free advertising.

Sixty-three (63) companies and sponsors participated in the same event last year and were looking to hire new employees for a variety of positions. Close to 1000 job seekers were in attendance.

Professional workshops for job seekers will also offered at the job fair including "How to Make a Job Fair Work for You" plus a variety of other career workshop topics. There will also be on site copying services and free interpretation services for the hearing impaired and the Spanish speaking population.



The metro-east job fair has been successful each year since 1991. Each year 1,000-1,500 job seekers are in attendance. Companies travel from all over the surrounding area to participate, hoping to find qualified employees. David Stoecklin, Executive Director for Madison County Employment and Training comments, "The Jobs Plus event has grown in scope and services over the many years we have been sponsoring the event. Hundreds of employers have seen thousands of job seekers, which has put hundreds of our attendees to work with local businesses. In addition, we have been able to provide workshops to both businesses and

employees that help them better find the employment match they want."

The sponsors of this regional event include the Madison County Employment & Training Department; St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department, Employment and Training Division; Area Agency on Aging of Southwestern Illinois; AARP Foundation/WorkSearch Programs; Illinois Department of Employment Security; Illinois Department of Human Services; Lewis & Clark Community College; Madison-Bond Workforce Investment Board; Mid America Workforce Investment Board; Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; and Southwestern Illinois College.

Additional information about this event may be obtained by contacting Connie Vick, Jobs Plus 09 Chairperson, at 618-296-4596 or [cvick@mcetd.org](mailto:cvick@mcetd.org).

