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IllinoisJobLink.com Links Qualified Workers with Hiring Employers

Internet Job Board Means Better Matches for Employers, Workers

MARION – Southern Illinois businesses today joined Jay Rowell, the director of the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), to praise an employment website tool that links qualified job applicants with businesses that are ready to hire. The no-cost recruitment tool is part of IDES’ mission to be the state’s employment office for Illinois businesses and workers.

“The path to re-employment goes through IllinoisJobLink.com. Today, businesses across our state seek to fill more than 100,000 positions,” Rowell said. “Here, in and around Marion, there are more than 3,200 available jobs. In my mind, that means there are more than 3,200 reasons to be optimistic.”

A sampling of Marion-area job opportunities include outside sales representative, industrial safety engineer, nursing, heating and air conditioning, project management and welding. Each position is expected to include wages of at least \$40,000 annually.

Business leaders from Pepsi Mid-America, Heartland Regional Hospital, Priority Staffing and Penn Aluminum joined Rowell today to show why Southern Illinois should be optimistic about good-paying jobs. Each uses Illinois JobLink and other IDES re-employment and tax incentive services.

Illinoisjoblink.com is an employment website that matches business job orders and resumes. This no-cost, on-line career resource allows individuals to create multiple resumes to emphasize different talents and allows businesses to search for specific skills and other criteria. The keyword matching technology increases the likelihood of a successful new hire. Illinois JobLink emphasizes Illinois jobs, scrapes other commercial job boards, and compares favorably to private efforts that cost hundreds of dollars.

Illinois added +136,300 private sector jobs since January 2010 when job growth returned to Illinois after nearly two years of monthly losses. Since January 2010, leading growth sectors are Professional and Business Services (+69,500); Manufacturing (+40,700); and Educational and Health Services (+29,700). Government has lost the most jobs, down -23,800.

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What Southern Illinois businesses are saying:

“The new Illinoisjoblink.com is great for us at Pepsi MidAmerica. We are very pleased with its performance and believe it adds credibility to IDES’ business service efforts.”

Sam Hood, Vice President, Pepsi MidAmerica

“Illinoisjoblink.com will be extremely useful in our recruitment and hiring. We are most appreciative of the personal assistance the Marion IDES staff has provided in helping use this new tool in our recruitment efforts.”

Megan Jones, Human Resources Consultant, Heartland Regional Hospital

“We have entered more than 75 orders in this new and improved system and are extremely pleased with the results. The talent matching feature of Illinoisjoblink.com is a tremendous asset that helps meet our customers’ high expectations.”

Gail Lannom, President, Priority Staffing Group

“Penn-Aluminum has depended on IDES for the past 24 years to help serve our recruitment and employment needs. The Murphysboro office has been fantastic in helping us use Illinsijoblink.com and securing 12 new hires so far this year.”

Georgia Baine, Human Resources Manager, Penn Aluminum International

To place an IllinoisJobLink.com order with the Illinois Department of Employment Security

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(618) 997-6835 ext. 240 and 250

Murphysboro

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