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Upcoming Events:



LEDA Job Fair 2015

May 12, 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Cajundome Convention Ctr.
Need to Register?
lafayette.org/jobfairs

ASHRM Presents –

Contractor or Employee...
Know the Difference

Wednesday, May 13

11:30am @ River Oaks,
Napoleon Room



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A Helping Hand from the Business Community

The 16th Annual **Career Connections Expo and Reality Store** was held

Thursday, January 29 with **3,818** students in attendance. **98** registered booths were set up enabling business and community agencies to support education and make an investment in our future workforce. Tenth graders from Lafayette, Iberia, St. Martin, and Vermilion parishes learned the importance of staying in school and were able to explore the world of work. Students discovered skills needed to perform various jobs and the necessary education and training for different career fields.



The Reality Store was also featured which made students aware of the realities of living expenses and the link between choices they make regarding education, vocational, and career decisions. The experience enabled them to make better informed decisions about their future. Thanks to all employers who participated.



Kiwanis Assists KYTE

The Kiwanis Club of Acadiana made a donation to Keeping Youth Trained and Educated (KYTE) in the amount of **\$500.00** and held a presentation ceremony at their February meeting. *KYTE is a comprehensive education and workforce training program for out of school youth between 16-21 years of age that need a second opportunity to fulfill their educational needs.* We are very grateful to the Kiwanis Club of Acadiana for their generous donation to this worthwhile youth program and their investment in our future workforce.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
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KYTE Program for Youth

Acadiana's
—Unemployment Rate—
January 2015

Acadia - 6.4
Evangeline - 7.6
Iberia - 7.2
Lafayette - 5.5
St. Landry - 8.6
St. Martin - 6.5
St. Mary - 7.3
Vermilion - 6.6

For
Levity's Sake



Employers, are you looking for *qualified, trained, and experienced workers*? With the recent layoffs in the oilfield due to lower oil prices, there are many qualified, able candidates looking for new employment. You can find these prospective employees by using louisianaworks.net.

Once you login or register on the site, you can perform a **Candidate Search** using keywords such as "welder", "electrician", etc. You can find people who have posted their resume on our site with keywords of your choice. If you hire someone who has been laid off and are training them with new skills, you may be able to receive up to **\$5,000 reimbursement** on training costs through the **Job Driven National Emergency Grant (JD-NEG)**. You can then train eligible individuals your own way to meet your company needs.

If you have any questions about using our website or the **JD-NEG Grant**, please contact your nearest Business & Career Solutions Center.

Reconnecting Vets to the Workforce

Greetings from the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP) Veterans Representative. This quarter marks a transitional period for many veterans recently laid off as a result of a drop in oil and gas production. (See the above article) The Business and Career Solution Centers across Region 4 strive to place veterans in concert with employers who seek their many talents across a huge array of occupational specialties. Throughout the surrounding communities and across the greater Lafayette area, several outreach and job fairs targeted veterans in need of intensive services as well as job placement.

The **Work Opportunity Tax Credit** is another tool to help veterans gain employment and obtain on-the-job training. The tax credit is a *win-win* scenario for both employers and veterans. The Lafayette Economic Development Authority has been a catalyst in bridging the gap toward a job ready veteran eager to grow in a competitive global market.



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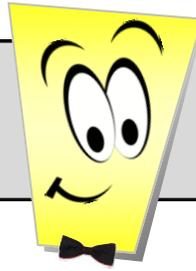
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LOOKout for these Future Dates

Healthcare Job Fair - June 9

This will provide an opportunity for employers in the medical field to connect with job seekers who are interested in working in the healthcare industry, particularly persons with disabilities.

1st Annual 2015 Veteran Job Fair - June 24

Ramada Lafayette Conference Center

Local employers will have a chance to meet with local veterans looking to gain meaningful employment. Employers will gain employees with skills in leadership, teamwork, integrity, efficient performance under pressure, as well as those who have an accelerated learning curve.



12th Annual Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities

August 20

An event for employers in the Lafayette Region to find qualified job seekers. A Resource Fair and several *benefits planning sessions* for job seekers will be held in conjunction with this job fair.

Happy Retirement

On behalf of Region IV, I extend a heartfelt farewell to **GLENN DUGAS**, who has announced his retirement after having served as *Executive Director of LWIB #41* for **nearly 30 years**. During these years, Glenn has paved the way as a dedicated leader and served our Region with pride. Not only was he a good leader, but also a mentor to many with whom he came into contact.

As the Executive Director, Glenn has assisted in accomplishing many goals to move Region IV in a positive direction. He has worked unselfishly to assist in reaching our full potential in providing the necessary services to communities within our region.

Glenn helped me tremendously when I moved into the position as Executive Director of WIB #40. He has been my mentor and guided me throughout my training. I will forever be grateful for his guidance and expertise.

We sincerely thank you, for your leadership, loyalty and diligence that you have rendered for so many years. **Your steadfast devotion to Region IV will always be remembered.**

Brenda Hubbard-Thomas
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