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State agencies team up to host career fair
careerfairOregon will showcase career opportunities in state government

Salem—The state of Oregon will host a major career event in September on the Capitol Mall to showcase the many diverse job opportunities that are available with state agencies, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) announced Thursday.

The event, *careerfairOregon*, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the lawn of the Capitol Mall. Its purpose is to invite Oregonians to check out employment opportunities with state government, Oregon's biggest employer, and to encourage existing state employees to explore new job possibilities within state government.

"Within the next five years, a third of our state workers will become eligible to retire," said DAS Director Scott Harra. "State government needs new people to step into the jobs retirees will leave behind. This exciting career fair will enable Oregonians to meet state recruiters face-to-face, and find out about the great opportunities that await them."

More than 40 state agencies will participate in *careerfairOregon*, Harra said. Agency representatives will describe to job-seekers the advantages of working in state government, and the satisfaction of following a career in public service.

"The fair will help job-seekers understand the progressive and innovative ways that state government serves the needs of the workers, consumers and citizens of Oregon," Harra said. The event will include training sessions and on-the-spot informational interviews, he added, with emphasis on how someone can get a job with the state.

For additional information about this event, contact *careerfairOregon* at (503) 373-7677, or visit the website at: www.oregonjobs.org (click on "*careerfairOregon*").

More information on *CareerFairOregon*:

Objectives:

Showcase the career opportunities at state agencies to internal employees and external job seekers, and brand the state of Oregon as an “employer of choice.”

Time and Place:

September 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit the large marquee tent on the Capitol Mall.

Booths:

Approximately 50 booths will offer information on state careers, including hard-to-fill occupations such as nursing, information technology, auditing, financial professionals, etc.

Agenda:

Besides career information provided at agencies' booths, there will be workshops on different topics of importance to current employees and potential candidates such as promotion/career development with state government, interviewing, application tips, etc.

Cost:

Free to job seekers

Parking:

Free underground parking at the Capitol Mall

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