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- WIS International
- Weiser Security
- Gilcrest
- Capital Staffing
- Automation Personnel
- Advantage Staffing
- Winn Dixie
- Unitech
- Bruce Foods
- Petco
- Securitas
- Hungry Howie
- Lowes
- Fed Ex
- AT&T
- Doerle Foods
- McDermott
- WOW Personnel
- ResCare
- Cameron International
- Ironman

## Job Fairs Are a Huge Success - Assist Businesses with Hiring Needs

*Any Business and Career Solutions Center in the Acadiana area can assist your company with onsite or offsite job fairs as well as job fairs held at the Business and Career Solutions Centers. Join the growing number of employers who have taken advantage of our “Job Fair Services” by contacting your local Business and Career Solutions Center. Employers who have utilized our job fair services can be found in the column on the left.*

## Louisiana Gulf Coast Oil Exposition Career Fair

LAGCO is one of the largest oil and gas trade shows in the country. With record breaking attendance of more than 17,000, LAGCOE visitors came from 43 countries and 47 states. The 416 exhibitors provided displays in the Cajundome, the Convention Center, and on the grounds around the Cajundome.

On October 14, the last day of LAGCOE, a career fair was held. Through a collaborative Region IV workforce effort with LAGCOE, representatives of the WIBs (40/41) and the Business and Career Solutions Centers of the region provided assistance to job seekers. An e-application area was staged by Region IV with computers and staff on-site at the career fair. Over 2600 people were counted in attendance by the time registration closed with an additional 200+ entering later, making the career fair attendance well over 2,800+ individuals in search of jobs in the oil industry.—By Harold Burleigh

## Job Fair for Persons With disabilities

The 10th Annual Job Fair was held October 2, 2013 at the Frem Boustany Convention Center in Lafayette’s Oil Center. Primary responsibilities were handled by LRS (Louisiana Rehabilitation Services) with the Lafayette Regional Office, which are now a part of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

A total of **55** employers were in attendance, along with **340** job seekers. Employers included such industries as: health care, hospitality, restaurant, transportation, retail, oil and gas, media, communications, local government, home health, home improvement, mining and manufacturing.

Many volunteers from the Lafayette, Opelousas, and other Business and Career Solutions Centers in Acadiana, Local Workforce Investment Areas 40 and 41, as well as many governmental and non-governmental agencies participated, including Lafayette Consolidated Government, and LEDA.

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[www.wib40.org](http://www.wib40.org)

*Workforce Investment Board #40*

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*- Lafayette Workforce Investment Board #41*

*- Lafayette Business & Career Solutions Center*

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A Resource Area, E-Application Station, and Seminars were provided to assist participants with job search techniques, resume preparation, and employment applications. Services providing specific needs, such as Goodwill, Veterans' Services, and Education and Training Sources were also in attendance.

Deborah Aymond, Chairman, and Randy Broussard, Assistant Chairman with LRS were the primary movers and shakers. According to employer surveys, *39 job seekers were hired, and 209 more were to be called for further interviews. Overall satisfaction from employers (Good or Excellent) was 99%. Employers ranked the job seekers they met as 83% Good or Excellent, and 70% Good or Excellent as the likelihood they would hire the candidates they met. The Job Fair staff received a rating of 98% Good or Excellent from employers.*

In addition, Acadiana Works, Inc. (AWI), is pleased to announce the award of a \$170,000 grant from Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain and retain employment. Two supported Employment Specialists have been hired to provide employment assistance for individuals living in the Acadiana area. In the upcoming months, AWI staff will be meeting with local employers to develop job opportunities for individuals referred from LRS.

— *By Harold Burleigh & Wendy Venable*

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## Developing the Workforce of Tomorrow



### Accomplishments Aplenty

With the assistance of WIA Youth Counselors Pat Simon and Chanda Moffett, **Chancey Charles** participated in the Keeping Youth Trained and Educated (KYTE) program, received his GED, and was even chosen as the guest speaker at his GED graduation ceremony. He was also selected as a youth council member on the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), participated in the Agency Resource Fair, and was a guest on KATC's morning program where the KYTE program and its fundraising efforts were highlighted. In October, Chancey received the Youth of the Year Award at the 2013 Lafayette Disability Awareness Awards ceremony. This award is given in recognition of a young Lafayette Parish resident between 13-19 years of age with a disability who has, by example of achievement, provided encouragement and inspiration to others.

Chancey emphasizes to his peers to "dream big", then follow that dream. He is now attending Jimmy Swaggart Bible College in Baton Rouge. Chancey says, "What better way to mentor the youth of my community than by becoming a young minister myself." Kudos to Chancey in all his efforts and accomplishments! - *By Perry Ledet*

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## Iberia Business and Career Solutions Ctr Relocation



Iberia Business and Career Solutions Center has moved to South Louisiana Community College, Teche Area Campus at 601 Ember Drive in New Iberia. The center will continue to provide quality assistance to both employers and job seekers in the Acadiana Area. (The office houses Louisiana Workforce

Commission, Acadiana Works, Inc., Workforce Investment Board and Experience Works.) - *By Carmen Ocampo*

## Veterans Services



Interested in hiring a qualified Veteran? You can contact one of our Veteran representatives to find out more information. **Joseph Kysiak**, **David Boquet**, or **Eric Taylor** are here to assist you.

## Did You Know???

**Have you noticed many announcements of new or expanding CNG or LNG plants in Louisiana in the near future?** The oil and gas industry is booming once again in the U.S., and Louisiana is playing a large part in it. With "Fracturing" or fracking a huge success, natural gas is plentiful....plentiful enough to be exported and used domestically in various forms. Compressed Natural Gas Plants and Liquefied Natural Gas Plants have been announced, and construction is beginning or will begin soon.

**Did you know** that according to Steven Moret, Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, and Gary Perilloux, Press Secretary, since the beginning of 2011, some 118 natural gas-related business development projects have been announced in Louisiana, which will lead to \$63 billion in new capital investment, and more than 9,100 new direct jobs? Many of these projects were the result of recruitment by LED.

**Did you know** that the Louisiana Workforce Commission projects 38,000 individuals will need to be trained, and they, along with Louisiana Workforce Investment Boards, Community Colleges, and others, are addressing this issue?

**Did You Know** that Dr. Loren Scott, a noted Economist and author of the 2014-15 Louisiana Economic Outlook, predicts with the surge in the chemical industry, for the first time in six years, all eight Metro areas expect positive job growth for the next two years? The four highest projected growth areas are: Lake Charles 8.1%, Baton Rouge 5.6%, Houma 5.3%, and Lafayette 2.6%. With several plants to be constructed in the Lake Charles area, many feel that new employee housing and other needs will extend our way to Jennings, Crowley, and even the Lafayette area, i.e. much of Acadiana. More to come in the future.