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VEC Introduces Virginia Workforce Connection / Virtual One-Stop System

HOPEWELL - Most states have a Virtual One-Stop (VOS) system to assist their workforce. Each state takes the generic system and customizes it to meet the needs of their workforce. Virginia's customized version of VOS is the Virginia Workforce Connection (VWC). As a partner in the Virginia Workforce Network, the VEC is responsible for making sure this assistance is available to our customers. Therefore, over the past several years the VEC has played an important role in establishing the VWC. The VWC is a state of the art virtual one-stop system that provides powerful resources for employers, job seekers, and economic development staff. VWC has the largest pool of job seekers in the state. Registered job seekers specify the type of work or occupation they want, the skills they have, and detail where they gained their level of experience and/or training. The VWC uses this information to match the job seekers to open jobs.

We know that employers, small and large, face many challenges. Our goal at the VEC is to help businesses find the qualified employees they need without spending a lot of money or time. The VEC understands that the current economic climate is difficult at best. We also understand the health of the economy depends upon people who are willing to take risks and create jobs. One of the three primary customers of the VWC is the employer. During good economic times, employers are challenged to find enough candidates for the right job. During bad economic times, employers are faced with too many candidates and not enough time to make informed decisions on which ones to interview, and which ones to ignore. The "Virtual Recruiter" option provides assistance in both situations.

The best part is that employers have already paid for this service through the Federal Unemployment Tax, so there is no additional cost to use VWC! When you are ready to recruit employees, turn to the VEC to help you. For a listing of contact information and locations where VEC services are provided, click on the Workforce Centers button on www.VaEmploy.Com. For "hands-on" assistance with navigating the VWC, contact our Business Resources Team at BusinessResources@vec.virginia.gov. Want to try it on your own?

Go to www.VaEmploy.com and click on "Post a Job/Find a Candidate"

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