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State will host career fair in the Capitol's front yard  
Event showcases job opportunities, exciting possibilities

Salem—State government will host a career event in September in front yard of the State Capitol to showcase job opportunities with state agencies, the Department of Administrative Services announced Wednesday.

The event, *careerfairOregon*, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Capitol Mall.

“We want to recruit and retain a talented workforce to continue providing high-quality public services to Oregon’s citizens,” said Scott Harra, director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. “The state’s success depends on recruiting the right staff with the right skills at the right time. This event will show job-seekers how they can be part of that success.”

More than 40 representatives of state agencies will be on hand at *careerfairOregon* to discuss the advantages of working in state government and the satisfaction of following a career in public service. Participants will be able to attend free workshops that offer tips on how to improve their résumés, handle job interviews and gain promotions in their jobs.

“Within the next five years, a third of our state workers will become eligible to retire,” Harra said. “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.”

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 added. 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 at: [www.oregonjobs.org](http://www.oregonjobs.org) (click on “*careerfairOregon*”).

More information on *CareerfairOregon*:

**Objectives:**

This event will showcase the State of Oregon as an employer of choice. The state needs a talented workforce to meet the business needs of agencies in delivering innovative, high-quality public services.

**Time and Place:**

September 13

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit the large marquee tent across from the State Capitol.

**Booths:**

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

**Agenda:**

In addition to career information at agencies' booths, the fair will feature free workshops on such topics as promotions and career development with state government, interviewing, application tips, etc. To ensure seating, attendees may pre-register at [www.oregonjobs.org](http://www.oregonjobs.org).

**Cost:**

Free

**Parking:**

Free underground parking at the Capitol Mall Parking structure off of Chemeketa Street.

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