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Community Career Expo Offers Central Texans Job Resources and Opportunities *One Community. Hundreds of Jobs. Find Your Fit.*

AUSTIN, TEXAS—The City of Austin, Goodwill Industries Of Central Texas, Workforce Solutions—Capital Area, and the *Austin American-Statesman* are partnering together for the most inclusive employment event in Central Texas—The Twelfth Annual Community Career Expo. This free event, held on Wednesday, May 12 from 9 AM – 3 PM at the Goodwill Community Center at 183 and I-35, is open to the public and will offer job seekers access to professional resources and classes to give them a hand-up on their job search. Community leaders will usher in the event with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8:45 AM.

Both large and small employers will be on-site offering diverse opportunities from entry level to professional positions in industries such as retail, customer service, insurance, health care, and many more. Last year's event brought more than 1,600 job seekers to visit with Austin's top employers, all under one roof.

"Goodwill is delighted to partner with The City of Austin, Workforce Solutions—Capital Area and *The Austin American-Statesman* to help connect individuals with job resources and help Central Texans network with potential employers," said Jerry Davis, President and CEO of Goodwill. "This event supports employment in the community and helps Goodwill to take further strides toward its mission of providing employment programs and services for people with barriers to employment."

Community professionals will be conducting classes on resume building and other aspects of the job search. Spanish and sign language interpreters will be available to assist with on-site interviews as well as sighted guides and a computer center with assistive technology capabilities for on-site applications.

The Career Expo is an enormous opportunity for employers seeking positions from professional and labor-oriented fields in one location. This event offers competent candidates and facilitates in the job matching process, allowing employers to conduct on-the-spot interviews and discussions in English and Spanish.

"Career fairs can provide a wide array of benefits to the community," said Alan Miller, Executive Director of Workforce Solutions—Capital Area. "Employers can get access to a large and diverse group of motivated job seekers, including individuals who are bilingual. Job seekers, of course, get access to a number of employers who are currently hiring, while also benefitting from the focused employment workshops and seminars. Workforce Solutions - Capital Area is proud to be a part of such a beneficial event."

The Career Expo builds partnerships with local businesses and provides one convenient location to match potential employees, while educating employers about providing career opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. Career Expo details, as well as information on how job seekers can pre-register, can be found by calling the information line at 512-637-7571 or visiting www.austingoodwill.org.

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