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2023 Fall Multi-Industry Job Fair = Success!

Our 2023 Fall Multi Industry Job Fair was held on Thursday, September 21st at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. We had 51 businesses, 85 job seekers and several workforce partners attend. There were 14 immediate hires with 87 potential hires in the works.

A follow up VIRTUAL job fair will be held on Thursday, October 5th from 3 pm to 5 pm. See our job fair landing page, www.jobsnd.com/GFJobFair, for information and to register to attend.

Remember: You can sign up to receive future job fair invitations through the Job Service North Dakota's subscriptions website: [News Releases and Newsletters | Job Service North Dakota](#). Enter your Company/Name and Email Address, then select Grand Forks Region: Job Fair Business Invitation List. At the same time, you can also sign up to receive our Grand Forks Region: Quarterly Business Newsletter.

The Job Pod

We love talking about employment related topics at Job Service, and just so we can talk about them even more, Grand Forks Workforce Center Manager Dusty Hillebrand hosts the Job Pod podcast. Over the past two years Dusty has had some amazing guests on the podcast. They have covered topics on the services provided by Job Service, job getting skills like resumes and interviews, and employers talking about why they are such a great place to work. The episode on job fairs has some great information about how to make your time at the job fair successful. You can find the Job Pod at www.jobsnd.com/job-pod to see the topics and guests. Do you want to be a guest on the Job Pod or do you have a topic you would like Dusty to cover? You can reach him at duhillebrand@nd.gov and let him know.



Community Resource Fairs

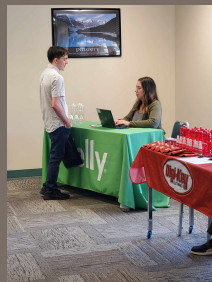
To help our job seekers with becoming and remaining successfully employed, we have started a monthly Community Resource Fair in our office. The event is held the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 1 pm to 3 pm. The current attending partners are listed in the graphic below. Businesses are invited to attend to learn of community resources to assist your employees.



The graphic features the word "community" in large, colorful letters on a corkboard background. Below it, the text "Resource Fair" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. To the left, a list of attending organizations is provided: PATH, HERO-Altru, Grand Forks Public Health, Grand Forks VA Clinic, Spectra Health, Community Options, Job Corps, VocRehab, Grand Forks Housing Authority, Grand Forks County Human Service Zone, United Way, CVIC, & More! To the right, a red box contains the text "3rd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM". At the bottom, the location "1501 28th AVE S" is listed, along with the "GRAND FORKS WORKFORCE CENTER" logo and the "Dakota" logo.

Workforce Wednesday Hiring Events: Our Newest Workforce Recruitment Tool

On the first Wednesday of each month, the Grand Forks Workforce Center is hosting Workforce Wednesday hiring events to connect our businesses and job seekers. These events are free to participate in and are promoted to job seekers. You can attend select months or the entire year. Here is a [link](#) to the event landing page with a [link](#) to register. We look forward to your business participating.



Services for Veterans

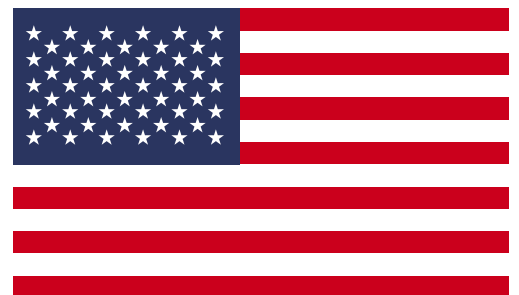
Job Service North Dakota has a Veterans Employment Team that exclusively serves Veterans. As Veterans themselves, the Team understands the many changes Veterans experience in their transition from military to civilian life. Our Team is trained and ready to provide one-on-one assistance to help veterans work through employment barriers.

One of the biggest hurdles Veterans face is “selling” their military experience to civilian employers who may not understand military lingo. The Veterans Team helps Veterans translate their military skills and experience into civilian terms so employers can understand all they have to offer and can review how their skills can benefit local businesses.

The Veterans’ Employment Team provides individualized services to help Veterans overcome employment barriers and develop a plan for employment. They:

- Help put military skills and experience into understandable civilian terms.
- Guide Veterans in their job search and develop an employment plan specifically for their needs.
- Provide up-to-date labor market information.
- Provide guidance for career and educational choices.
- Make referrals to training opportunities.
- Offer assistance and advice on developing an effective resume.
- Offer practical advice on taking the “stress” out of a job interview.
- Provide referrals to supportive resources.

Kendra Henry is our Veteran Advisor and she covers the northeastern corner of ND. She continues to build relationships with local employers to assist with recruiting quality veteran employees. Feel free to reach out to her at kehenry@nd.gov or 701-795-3788 to discuss your recruitment needs!



Job Service North Dakota Preferred Employer: Acme Tools



Acme Tools was founded by George Kuhlman in 1948 as a small electric motor repair shop in downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota. The business was named "ACME" because it represented the highest level or degree attainable - the peak of perfection. The core values back then were simple: Offer customers the highest quality products at competitive prices, backed by superior professional service and support. Now three generations and more than 70 years later, this family owned business has grown to become a major retailer of tools and equipment.

Today, Acme Tools celebrates 70 years of experience serving customers and continues to be one of the premier retailers of tools and equipment with some of the largest first-class showrooms in the nation and the best online tool store in e-commerce. With ten locations in North Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa, Acme Tools serves the contractor, woodworker and do-it-yourselfer with a wide selection of tools and equipment from all the major manufacturers.

In 1985, Acme Tools launched a mail order catalog business selling woodworking equipment from print ads in national trade magazines. Later, they pioneered a national catalog business, shipping woodworking and construction products throughout the United States and abroad as "Tool Crib of the North."

In the spring of 1999, Acme Tools was one of the first to launch a website selling tools and equipment online. Later that same year, the Internet and catalog businesses were sold to Amazon.com. For the next ten years, Acme Tools focused on expanding its Upper Midwest locations in Minnesota and Iowa.

In early 2010, Acme Tools launched a new e-commerce site to provide customers with the renewed convenience of shopping online. The new website offers more than 50,000 products online at AcmeTools.com.

We wish to thank Acme Tools for using our services and building our local workforce. They attend our Spring and Fall Multi Industry Job Fairs, our Workforce Wednesday Hiring Events, the Northern Valley Career Expo, post their openings to jobsnd.com and more. Thanks also for all you do for your employees and the community. You are a true Job Service North Dakota Preferred Employer.



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