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Senator Ritchie to Host Career, Resource Expo in Fulton

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Event will pair employers and agencies to get Oswego County residents hired

State Senator Patty Ritchie today announced that she is teaming with Central New York employers and agencies to host a Career and Resource Expo with the goal of allowing more Oswego County residents to hear the words, "You're Hired!"

The first-of-its-kind event will be held on Thursday, June 9, from 2 pm to 6 pm, at the Fulton War Memorial, on West Broadway, and will feature over 40 agencies and employers from the region, including businesses who are ready to hire.

Attendees will also be able to take advantage of workshops to help hone their job-seeking skills, including resume writing, improving your interview skills, job hunting on the Internet, career counseling, and obtain information about starting your own business.

The event is free and open to the public, and pre-registration is recommended by calling Sen. Ritchie's Oswego office, at (315) 342-2057.

Sen. Ritchie also is encouraging additional businesses who want to participate to contact the Oswego office.

“My Career and Resource Expo will help connect people with companies that are hiring or soon could be hiring,” Senator Ritchie said. “It will also help people who need assistance with resume writing and job interviewing skills or who want to start new careers or find out about educational opportunities.”

“Whether you are just graduating from high school or college or reentering the workforce, this Expo will offer you a way to find out about opportunities in Central New York,” Senator Ritchie said.

“New York has begun to turn a corner, and our new policy of no new taxes and budget discipline is helping to put Central New Yorkers back to work. I realize that a lot more has to be done, but I am hoping that this event can help people see how the skills they’ve obtained during their careers can be adapted and used by other employers.”

Over 40 businesses and agencies have already committed to participate in the event, including Constellation Energy Nuclear Group, Entergy, LU 73 Plumbers & Steamfitters, All-Metro Health Services, Michaud Health Services, Contemporary Personnel Services, Securitas Security Services, Harbor Lights, Oswego Health, Adecco Employment, NOSCHI (Pulaski Health Center), Comforce Staffing (DeWitt), Metro Fence, Wholesale Homes, Eagle Beverage Company, Inc., Laborers Local 633, Longanberger, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield, Sunrise Residential Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, Greater Oswego-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Novelis, HSBC, Dunkin Donuts, WalMart, Lowe's (Oswego store), Oswego Industries and Pampered Chef. More are expected to be added.

Resource Expo participants will include: Oswego County Opportunities, SUNY Oswego Business Development Office, Cayuga Community College, Oswego County BOCES, Arise, Oswego County Opportunities, Oswego County Workforce New York, Oswego County Department of Social Services, Consumer Credit Counseling, Centro Bus, Literacy Volunteers

of Oswego County, Catholic Charities of Oswego County and Fidelis Care New York.

The event is cosponsored by the City of Fulton, Mayor Ron Woodward, United Way, the SUNY Oswego Business Development Center, the Oswego-Fulton Chamber of Commerce and Workforce of New York.