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Celebrate In-Demand Jobs Week in Cleveland May 7 -11

CLEVELAND, OHIO – May 7-11, 2018, is In-Demand Jobs Week in Ohio, and several events are planned in the Cleveland area so that students, job seekers, parents, workforce professionals and educators can learn more about the jobs, industries and skills that are in-demand in our area.

“In-Demand Jobs Week will provide opportunities for students and jobseekers,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “It is another example of how we can connect local businesses with available talent.”

Jobs today require workers to have skills and training beyond a high-school diploma. Ninety percent of jobs posted in the Cleveland area require applicants to have digital skills. Examples of good, in-demand jobs include registered nurses, bookkeepers, accountants, auditing clerks and operation managers which are among the 200 in-demand jobs, as well as truck drivers and construction workers.

“Students and jobseekers need to know what jobs and skills are in demand, why they should pursue the skills training needed, and how Ohio Means Jobs here in Cleveland can help them connect to a career path. Therefore, the Workforce Development Board is sponsoring several focused activities and events during In-Demand Jobs Week to get the word out about good Middle-Skill jobs especially ones that don't require a Bachelor's degree but do require some additional training,” said Micki Tubbs, chair of the Workforce Board.

The week kicks off at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 7th at the OhioMeansJobs | Cleveland Cuyahoga County jobs center at 1910 Carnegie Ave. County Executive Armond Budish will headline the event to underscore the importance of a skilled workforce for economic development and individual opportunity.

“I am pleased to kick-off this community-wide jobs week. Whenever I speak with business owners and leaders, they tell me that they have open jobs that they can't fill,” said County Executive Armond Budish. “We know that there are many residents who are seeking jobs. The gap between the businesses and the workers is something that I am very focused on correcting. Many of our programs are directly aimed at helping residents get trained for these in-demand jobs.”

At the kick-off event Team NEO will announce the release of its latest research on the skills gap entitled: “Aligning Opportunities in Northeast Ohio: A Resource to Aid in Addressing the Demand and Supply Imbalance in the Region's Workforce.”

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“We are pleased to join the Workforce Board for this event,” noted Bill Koehler, CEO of Team NEO. “Northeast Ohio offers outstanding job and career opportunities. However, many jobs in growing, high-performance industries sit vacant due to the limited number of qualified candidates. Through the Aligning Opportunities report, we are providing secondary and post-secondary educational institutions and employers across the region with insights into the evolving needs of Northeast Ohio employers.”

There are activities planned for each day of In-Demand Jobs Week. These are free and open to the public but registration is required at <https://omjcc.us/>.

In partnership with Cuyahoga Community College, the Ohio Workforce Association, The Literacy Cooperative, MAGNET, and the Greater Cleveland Partnership, the Workforce Board will host a presentation on “The Future of Work” from 10:30 a.m. to noon on May 7th; and a presentation on “Apprenticeship” from 10:30 a.m. to Noon on May 8th, both at Corporate College East.

Also on Tuesday, May 8th Lincoln Electric is hosting an open house event between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Lincoln Electric’s world-class Welding Technology & Training Center recently opened to address the skills gap in the welding industry.

The industry needs about 30,000 new welders annually to replace those retiring as well as to fill newly created positions. The average salary is more than \$82,000, the company has reported, citing data including information from the American Welding Society.

On Wednesday, May 10th jobseekers can come to the Ohio Means Jobs center to get help in creating and starting on a career pathway. On Thursday, May 11th registered job seekers will be participating in an invitation-only in-demand job match event with employers. These events will be at the OMJ | CC center on 1910 Carnegie Ave.

The week ends Friday with the “2 Gen Literacy Summit” at the Parma Library Snow Branch from 9 AM to 2:00 p.m. Also, “Grow with Google,” an all-day program held at Tri-C Hospitality Management Center at Public Square is an exciting event aimed at improving digital skills and supporting entrepreneurs.

Workforce Board Chair Micki Tubbs stated, “the Board is hopeful that these events and activities will increase the knowledge of jobseekers, the future workforce (and everyone that counsels them) regarding the good jobs that are available in our community and on how to get started on a career pathway. It is very rewarding to join Team NEO, Tri-C, GCP, MAGNET, the Literacy Cooperative, the Ohio Workforce Association, Mayor Frank Jackson and County Executive Budish to continue to move us in One Direction for Workforce Development.”

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