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Employers Turn Out to Meet Area Job Seekers

June 24, 2010 – Lisle, Illinois This month workNet DuPage Career Center hosted an Information Technology Job Fair, which brought together area employers and area job seekers at a time of double-digit unemployment.

The information technology (IT) sector has been hit hard during this recession. In January of this year the unemployment rate for Illinois' IT workers exceeded 12%. Given the high levels of unemployment, recruiters in the IT field are inundated with resumes. But, despite this flood of job applicants, various local employers participated in the job fair in order to present job opportunities to area IT professionals currently in transition.

Representatives from Fermilab, Robert Half Technology, Team Bradley, TEC Services Consulting, and TEK Systems were on hand at workNet DuPage Career Center, with plenty of IT positions to fill. During the course of the event they met with over 150 eager job seekers.

"I think it's really great that these employers came out to meet face to face with the job seekers," said Lisa Schvach, manager of the Business Services Unit at workNet DuPage. "In an economy like this, they don't really need to come to a job fair – they get tons of resumes. And the job seekers can feel as if they've been lost in the crowd. An event like this creates a human connection for the job applicants and the recruiters, which is unusual nowadays."

Sue Clark, director of workNet DuPage Career Center, echoed those sentiments, adding "In this economy it's not easy to get employers and experienced professionals to come together at a job fair. I'm very pleased with how this event turned out."

workNet DuPage Career Center plans to have more such job fairs in the future, as well as other types of events that will aim to create a connection between local job seekers and employers.

About workNet DuPage Career Center

workNet DuPage Career Center is part of the DuPage County Workforce Development Division (WDD) and offers employment and career services to local job seekers. WDD also offers workforce development services to local businesses, aiming to build connections between business and the local workforce. www.worknetdupage.org