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Employment expo to meet two needs: Workers for regional businesses, jobs for the formerly incarcerated

STURTEVANT – An upcoming expo aims to help employers struggling to find qualified workers to fill open positions.

The second annual Southeast Wisconsin Re-entry Employer Expo will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, September 19, 2019, at Gateway Technical College's SC Johnson iMET Center, 2320 Renaissance Blvd.

Employers are encouraged to stop by this no-cost event as their schedules permit. Local dignitaries are scheduled to welcome morning guests at a public reception at 8:00 a.m.

The Expo's primary purpose is to acquaint employers with agencies serving a significant, often untapped segment of the labor market: those who were formerly incarcerated.

"Events such as this – connecting employers with agencies that provide work-ready candidates – are a good step toward reducing recidivism and increasing safety and prosperity in Southeastern Wisconsin," Racine County District Attorney Patricia Hanson said.

Businesses that employ the formerly incarcerated, government and community agencies that support their transition back into the community, and faith leaders will be on hand to answer questions, provide introductions, and encourage employers to consider hiring work-ready returning individuals.

Registration is recommended (but not required) and can be done online at re-entryexpo2019.eventbrite.com.

The Expo is sponsored by Racine and Kenosha Counties District Attorneys' Offices, Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce, Kenosha Area Business Alliance, Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce, Racine Kenosha Vocational Ministry, University of Wisconsin Madison Extension, City of Racine, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Office for Urban Ministry.

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