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Job fair connects hundreds of job seekers with employers

Nearly 1,000 job seekers connected with 75 employers from industries that included logistics, manufacturing, healthcare, technology, construction and retail during the 6th Annual West Valley Regional Job Fair hosted by the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board on Thursday, Sept. 10.

"I came well prepared, dressed for success and armed with copies of my resume," said Rancho Cucamonga resident Andrea Mitchum. "I met with representatives from a major logistics company and I'm leaving here today feeling confident about an upcoming interview I scheduled today."

Events such as this job fair are successful in connecting job seekers with employers, which is in line with San Bernardino's Countywide Vision of prosperity through a diverse and skilled workforce.

"It is vital that we offer opportunities such as these to provide County residents the ability to secure gainful employment that enables our economy to flourish," said San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chairman James Ramos. "We strive to continually and diligently offer resources, services and events to attain that countywide prosperity we are so determined to achieve."

Though the turnout of job seekers was considerable, according to Miguel McQueen, Deputy Director, Department of Workforce Development, there were fewer job seekers who attended the event compared to that of last year, while the number of employers increased.

"We believe this is due to the improved economy and a lower unemployment rate," McQueen explained.

Programs and intensified outreach conducted by the Workforce Investment Board has also had an impact on the County's improved employment rate.

"We have increased our outreach efforts to the unemployed population and connecting them successfully to employers through our America's Job Center of California locations," said Sandy Harmsen, Executive Director of the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board.

