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DETR To Host Open Houses to Promote Advantages of Hiring People with Disabilities

*Employers will Learn about Services, Incentives and Tax Benefits of Hiring
People with Disabilities*

In an effort to promote the advantages of hiring people with disabilities, the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), will host open houses/mixers October 23, 2012 at 5-7 pm at the Reno office located at 1325 Corporate Blvd. Reno, Nevada and on October 29, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Las Vegas at 3016 West Charleston Blvd.

The mixers are free and open to the public and will give the Rehabilitation Division the opportunity to share with the community its efforts in helping people with disabilities find employment and to showcase to employers the many services the division offers, said Maureen Cole, administrator for the Rehabilitation Division.

Employers will hear information about services the state offers including: incentives for on-the-job training, tax incentives and wage reimbursement programs, pre-employment screenings such as drug testing, finger printing, background checks, typing tests, work tools and more, Cole said.

“We endeavor to educate the community, especially employers about the positive aspects of hiring people with disabilities and to dispel myths and allay apprehensions that they often have concerning the ability level of this special population,” Cole said. “Research shows that people with disabilities are just as talented and often possess a stronger work ethic than their counterparts. Our clients are eager to be productive members of the workforce and simply desire the opportunity to utilize their talents.”

October is designated as National Disability Employment Awareness Month to educate the public about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

The theme selected by the Department of Labor for this year is "A Strong Workforce is an Inclusive Workforce: What Can YOU Do?" The theme promotes the benefits of a diverse workforce that includes workers with disabilities, who represent a highly skilled talent pool.

"People with disabilities are working successfully across the state in all industries, and contribute tremendously to our society and workforce," said DETR Director Frank Woodbeck. "One of our main objectives at DETR is to encourage diversity in the workplace and to promote training and rehabilitation to create a successful labor pool that will ultimately bolster our economy and fuel much needed growth. The very success of our future depends on the inclusiveness of our diverse talent pools."

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DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, the Information Development and Processing Division and the Research and Analysis Bureau. DETR works in partnership with the Nevada JobConnect System to provide training and job placement services to job seekers and to assist employers in hiring practices.