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Iowa Workforce Development

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Unique Recruitment Resource for Iowa Employers

DES MOINES – Iowa Workforce Development is hosting a unique recruitment event at the Mitchellville Correctional Institute for Women on May 19th. Inmates, within 2-3 months until their release, will attend the career fair and promote newly acquired skills. Frequently, inmates have received academic training, through a Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) program, for computer and other office related duties. Additionally, potential employees have received on-the-job training in food services; shipping and receiving; lawn and garden care; maintenance; and construction at the facility.

Employers may also receive an added bonus; the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), if the employee qualifies. WOTC entitles employers who hire qualified individuals a tax credit of 64% on the first twelve months of wages up to \$20,000 paid for each qualifying employee.

The career fair will take place May 19th, beginning at 10:00AM. The Iowa Department of Corrections does require employers to complete a security clearance form which must be submitted by March 30th. Additionally, employers will be invited to a lunch and learn on April 21st for additional information regarding the security policies and processes at the correctional institute. Employers interested in attending the career fair should contact Kristi Judkins at (515) 281-9621.

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