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What a Great Success ... The first job fair for the Haulmark employees went very well. We had 15 local companies present for the event, and 70 employees interviewed with at least 3 of the companies in a ten minute interview. The interviews started at 9am and ended at 12pm. Yes, these were 10 minute interviews! Some might ask, "How can that be done"? Well it takes organization, patience, foresight and good partnerships. We first developed a list of companies planning to attend with bios of the company including benefits. Then we asked the employees to rank their preferred company selection. The companies had individual offices to conduct the interviews with some companies bringing up to three people to perform the task. Each company received all candidates resume information so they could review individuals that were not interviewed. Christy Dixon did an outstanding job of seeing this unique Job Fair all the way through the process. On Wednesday, September 14th, we will have another 15 companies present to interview these same employees. Most of the companies for this event are not local. Some are trying to recruit our workforce to Elk City, Durant, Ardmore and even Texas. Do you find it interesting that companies in other communities are seeking (recruiting) our workers?

Don't Forget, It's Site Ready... Come help us celebrate on Wednesday, September 5th at 2pm in the DAEDF office conference room. We now have all five industrial parks "Site Ready" with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and are the first community in the state to have all sites certified. When businesses are looking to expand, there are major issues centered on the time the process takes to get certain engineering, utility accesses, permitting, phase one assessment and other regulatory landmines completed. This rigorous qualification and inspection process of verification is done by a third-party to assure that the sites are shovel ready for a company interested in moving or expanding to Duncan. Simply put, being certified speeds up the process for construction on a facility.

As One Leaves...Others Are Inquiring... We have been very busy working with local and prospective companies looking to expand or relocate. Sometimes a chain reaction occurs from the closing of a business like Haulmark. In this case the reaction is all positive. Our office has fielded inquiries from several different companies regarding the Haulmark facilities. We will do our best to accommodate and facilitate a process that will have a positive outcome for Duncan.

Upcoming Dates....

Wednesday, September 5: Site Ready Presentation, 2pm – DAEDF

Wednesday, September 12: Career Advisory Meeting, 8am – DAEDF

Thursday, September 13: Centennial Train visits Duncan, 11:15am – Downtown Duncan

Thursday, September 13: Chamber of Commerce "Hero's Luncheon", 12pm – Simmons Center

Friday, September 14: Haulmark Employee Job Fair, 9am-12pm – Haulmark

Thursday, September 20: Chamber Community Breakfast & Forum, 7am – Simmons Center