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PROJECT SEARCH JOB FAIR SEEKING SCHOOL-TO-WORK EMPLOYERS

Student job seekers with disabilities will connect with dozens of potential employers at an upcoming job fair in Omaha.

The La Vista Conference Center will host the 2018 Project SEARCH Pre-Employment Transition Services Job Fair Monday, April 30 from 9 am to 3 pm. The purpose of the event is to provide opportunities for students, ages 16 – 21, to succeed in the workplace through a coalition of Nebraska VR's partners, including the Omaha Project SEARCH Business Advisory Council and area schools.

Students will attend mini sessions about appropriate social media use and dressing for success. They will also participate in mock interviews and skills assessments with volunteer employers.

The job fair is specifically designed to provide students with disabilities job exploration, workplace readiness training, and self-advocacy. Students will also have the opportunity to network with businesses and apply for jobs.

Student job seekers are encouraged to dress professionally and bring copies of their resume to share. Businesses will have exclusive opportunities to interview and hire qualified, talented individuals with the skills and desire to work.

The 2018 Pre-Employment Transition Services Project SEARCH Job Fair is the fourth of its kind in Southeast Nebraska.

Project SEARCH is a partnership between Nebraska VR, a business, area school systems, the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Assistive Technology Partnership, and the Division of Developmental Disabilities. This one-year school-to-work program takes place entirely in the workplace. The experience includes a combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training through worksite rotations.

Businesses interested in participating in this event should contact Sara Hansen at 402-560-6333 or sara.hansen@nebraska.gov

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