

NCEDA planning job fair for local employers, employees Businesses must register by Friday

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If you are out of work, looking for a new job or have open positions at your company, the Nelson County Economic Development Agency is offering you an opportunity to meet those needs. NCEDA will host a job fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Bardstown-Nelson County Civic Center, 321 S. Third St.

This is the first time in about 10 years NCEDA has hosted a job fair, said Kim Huston, president. The last time the organization had a job fair was when two plants closed, Huston said. The coming fair was prompted by employers contacting NCEDA about a peculiar predicament.

“We are hearing from our companies that they’re having trouble filling some positions despite the fact that the unemployment rate is over 10 percent,” Huston said.

The job fair will give employers and those wishing to be employed a chance to meet face-to-face. The possibility of further extensions to unemployment benefits is uncertain, Huston said, and finding a job may become more critical for some Nelson Countians in the near future.

Employers are not required to have positions immediately available. If they are expecting to expand their business later in the year, they can go ahead and collect resumes at the job fair.

There is no charge for job seekers or employers to participate in the job fair, but employers must register by Jan. 21 to reserve a table. Contact Kim Rogers at kimrogers@nceda.net, Kim Huston at kimhuston@nceda.net, or call (502) 348-6402, Ext. 101. Businesses outside Nelson County but in the region can also participate.

Those seeking employment should bring a current resume.

Though the job fair is funded by NCEDA, the Lincoln Career Center in conjunction with the Lincoln Trail Area Development District will be onsite to help with the process and answer questions.