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### **EDC Announces 2009 Job Fair Employers**

ASHEVILLE, NC – The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, December 29, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Biltmore Square Mall in Asheville. The job fair will showcase regional employment opportunities in growth industries in Western North Carolina, including advanced manufacturing, financial services, health services, and hospitality. Job seekers who participate in the 2009 Homecoming Job Fair will have the benefit of a one-stop opportunity to meet directly with representatives from many premier organizations in the region that are currently hiring, or anticipate hiring in 2010. Employers can register to attend until Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

AB Emblem	Champion Credit Union
AB Tech	City of Asheville
Aeroflow Healthcare	Comforce Staffing Services
Aflac Insurance	CPU2
APAC Atlantic, Inc.	Davidson Homes
Asheville Radio Group	Express Employment Professionals
AVL Technologies	Facilities Logistic Services
Bank of Asheville	Families Together
BB&T	Flint Group
Carolina Information Technology Resource Corp.	Four Seasons Palliative Care
Century 21 All Seasons	Friday Staffing Services

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Grove Park Inn	North Carolina State Highway Patrol
HomeTrust Bank	PalmerWahl Instrumentation Group
Innovative Hiring Technology	Pardee Memorial Hospital
Intellisound	Park Ridge Hospital
Interim Healthcare	Power Home Technologies, Inc.
Irene Wortham Center	Precision Products of Asheville, Inc.
J. Crew	Primerica Financial Services
Lifemax	Simply Home
Manpower	Sitel
Mills Manufacturing	Smoky Mountain Machining
Mission Hospital	The Biltmore Company
Montreat College School of Professional & Adult Studies	U.S. Census Bureau
North American Roofing Services, Inc	YMCA

#### Other Resources

- ABCCM Veterans Employment and Training Services
- Alliance Tractor-Trailer Training Center
- Clear Channel Asheville
- English For Life
- College Foundation of North Carolina
- Goodwill Industries of NWNC, Inc.
- JobLink Career Centers
- LOCALJOBS.com
- Meet the Geeks
- Mountain Area Workforce Development Board
- NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Please visit the event Website at [www.HomecomingJobFair.com](http://www.HomecomingJobFair.com) to learn more about the employers and positions being showcased.

"Despite the challenges of the past year, this event is a great opportunity to showcase employment opportunities in the region, and to reinforce the fact that there are strong, stable, and thriving businesses in our economy that still need good people. The timing allows us to reach

those that have maybe moved away to pursue a career, and are home for the holidays," stated Clark Duncan, Director of Business and Industry Services at the Chamber's EDC.

Some applications will be taken on-site and job seekers are invited to bring their resume for distribution.

Event Sponsors: AB Tech, Advanced Business Equipment, AdvantageWest, Asheville Citizen Times, ClearChannel Asheville, Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development, Job Link Career Centers, LocalJobs.com, Mountain Xpress

Event Partners: AB Tech, Biltmore Square Mall, Employment Security Commission, North Carolina JobLink Career Centers, Mountain Area Workforce Development Board

For more information about the event, or to register, please visit [www.HomecomingJobFair.com](http://www.HomecomingJobFair.com) or contact Clark Duncan at the EDC 828.258.6134.

**The EDC for Asheville-Buncombe County** is a public-private partnership committed to: creating and retaining high quality jobs, community leadership, and being a resource for better business decisions. The EDC accomplishes this mission through its four core services: business retention and expansion, small business and entrepreneurship, research, and marketing and recruitment. The EDC is funded by Buncombe County, the City of Asheville, the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Advantage Asheville Campaign.

**The Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce** is a 2,100-member organization representing 86,000 employees. Chamber members collaborate with community organizations and coalitions to support the community and each other with the mission of increasing the region's livability by advancing its economic vitality. The Chamber moved to a new location in early 2006 and is now home to the 4,000 square foot Visitor Center which welcomes 200,000 visitors per year.

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