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DeKalb Hosts Empowerment 2010 to Battle Unemployment *Workshop with Monster.com served more than 700 job seekers*

DECATUR – DeKalb County recently hosted more than 700 jobs hunters at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Decatur for Empowerment 2010. During the free conference hosted by DeKalb County Workforce Development, in collaboration with Monster.com, some job seekers found employment, others found helpful advice, and all found an opportunity to network.

“DeKalb County Workforce Development is charged with preparing our citizens to secure and maintain employment,” said DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis. “This collaboration with Monster.com was another tool we offered citizens to ensure their job hunting efforts are successful, especially as we continue to face record high unemployment rate in our County and state.”

DeKalb Board of Commissioners Presiding Officer Larry Johnson, Georgia Department of Labor Assistant Commissioner Linda Johnson, DeKalb County Chief of Staff Dr. Jabari Simama, and DeKalb County Workforce Development Board Chair DeLores Crowell addressed the crowd of job hunters and Monster career experts provided information and techniques job seekers need to stand out from the crowd in today’s tough job market. In addition, leading experts in the field conducted workshops to educate attendees on what employers are looking for in today’s competitive job market.

Empowerment 2010 featured partner agencies and nearly 40 employers who were actively recruiting for several positions. In support of CEO Ellis’ vision for entrepreneurship and small business development in DeKalb County, 10 small businesses also were spotlighted. The job

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fair allowed jobseekers the opportunity to meet with the employers after the workshops and provided them a platform to immediately implement the lessons they learned.

“This collaboration is a perfect example of public and private sectors coming together to take control of this falling economy by empowering job seekers with tools that correspond to the changing rules for finding employment,” said Sheryl Chapman, director of DeKalb Workforce Development. “The workshops were very high energy, regionally focused, and helped to re-motivate the job seekers. We provided the right information at the right time. The empowerment workshops facilitated by Monster.com were invaluable.”



Pictured left to right: (third from left) Linda Johnson, Assistant Labor Commissioner, Georgia Department of Labor; (fifth from left) Delores Crowell, DeKalb Workforce Investment Board Chairperson, Cynthia Robinson, Director Workforce Development; Georgia Department of Labor, Sheryl Chapman, Director, DeKalb County Workforce Development; DeKalb County Board of Commissioners Presiding Officer Larry Johnson; Jonathan Weintraub, DeKalb County Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Development; and others workforce professionals.

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More than 40 recruiters participated in the employment conference



Job hunters learn techniques to securing a position in today's market

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