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SENATOR KLEIN, BRONX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CB #2 HELP BRONXITES LAND JOBS WITH BALDOR SPECIALTY FOODS AT BRONX H.I.R.E. INTERVIEW FAIR

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Bronx, NY –State Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester), The Bronx Chamber of Commerce and Bronx Community Board #2 hosted a successful interview fair with Baldor Specialty Foods on Friday at The Hunts Point Recreational Center. Nearly 100 job seekers attended the fair and interviewed for 120 positions in divisions such as human resources, accounting, driving, customer service, and more.

“I am happy to partner with businesses, such as Baldor Specialty Foods, to identify new job openings and connect local residents with these employment opportunities,” **said Senator Klein.** “Tonight we experienced an amazing turnout in a focused environment and our skilled workforce had very successful interviews. Bronx H.I.R.E. job seekers have gone through aptitude testing, participated in resume writing classes, attended interview skill workshops, and received other workforce development assistance.”

“The Bronx Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with Senator Jeff Klein’s Bronx H.I.R.E. program and work with businesses to identify job openings and connect local residents with available jobs such as today’s Baldor Specialty Foods Interview Fair. The Bronx Chamber will continue to spearhead local job fairs with Bronx businesses for applicants and employers to meet in a focused setting,” **said Nunzio del Greco, president and CEO of The Bronx Chamber of Commerce.**

“Baldor is thrilled to partner with Senator Klein and the Bronx Chamber of Commerce on their H.I.R.E. initiative. We interviewed hundreds of job seekers from the local community at the H.I.R.E. career fair. As a Bronx-based company that is experiencing tremendous growth, we are grateful for any opportunity to invest in workers from the Bronx and create a brighter future for our borough,” **said Mike Muziak, president of Baldor Speciality Foods.**

The Bronx H.I.R.E. program works to provide job candidates with the resources, skills, and support they need to succeed in today’s job market. Bronx H.I.R.E (Help Identify Real Employment) is a unique jobs program aimed at connecting Bronx workers with real jobs through a comprehensive, direct approach. Job seekers are offered certifications in an array of industries and are offered workforce development training. The Bronx H.I.R.E. program is made possible through a grant secured by Senator Klein.