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## Senator Kennedy's Queen City Job Fair Doubles in Size; Hundreds Attend Event at Buffalo Niagara Convention Center

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*More than 120 Employers Participate in Free Job Fair April 19, as Local Businesses Look to Fill Over 3,200 Full-Time Positions*

*On-site Interviews, Resume Reviews, and a free Computer Lab Available to Fair Attendees*

BUFFALO, N.Y. – Senator Tim Kennedy (D-Buffalo) hosted his Queen City Job Fair Thursday, April 19th from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. The event, in partnership with NYS Department of Labor, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Mayor Byron Brown, and Assemblywoman Crystal Peoples-Stokes, hosted more than 120 employers seeking to fill more than 3,200 available positions. On-site interviews were also conducted by several companies, as well as resume reviews with experts, and access to a computer lab.

Companies in attendance included some of Buffalo's biggest employers, including Delaware North, Catholic Health, Roswell Park Comprehensive Care Center, Community Action Organization, and the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority.

“Without fail, the number one call we get from folks across the region deals with the need for assistance and education on job opportunities that currently exist in our community,” said **Senator Tim Kennedy**. “I’m proud to continue to partner with the New York State Department of Labor and my colleagues in government to ensure we’re streamlining the search process for job-seekers, and connecting them to companies and resources that are actively seeking to fill positions. Whether you’re considering a career change or looking to rejoin the workforce, this job fair not only connects Western New Yorkers with job opportunities, but links them the resources and skills needed to secure these positions.”

“Under Governor Cuomo’s leadership, we’ve seen a marked improvement in Western New York’s economy,” said **State Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon**. “As businesses expand, they need a ready and able workforce and helping facilitate that connection is one of the Department of Labor’s most central goals. It’s crucial to build partnerships with local leaders like Senator Kennedy to offer job seekers the opportunities they need and I thank him for his ongoing efforts in this area.”

“I’m proud to help sponsor and host the 2018 Queen City Job Fair. With more than 100 employers, there’s opportunity for everyone here to find a career that pays a living wage allowing individuals to maintain their households and take care of their loved ones. A special thanks to Senator Tim Kennedy, Mayor Byron Brown, the State Department of Labor, and the Buffalo Employment & Training Center for organizing this event,” said **Assemblywoman Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes**.

“With the extensive list of more than 120 employers and staffing agencies, which are seeking to fill 3,200 positions, I’m certain there will be something of interest to every job seeker,” **Mayor Byron W. Brown** said. “Thank you to State Senator Tim Kennedy and the New York State Department of Labor for staging the Queen City Job Fair at the Buffalo Convention Center.”

This is the second job fair Kennedy has held within the last six months; in September, he hosted a Fall Job Fair at the Reverend Dr. Bennett W. Smith, Sr. Family Life Center. Two months later, he unveiled the launch of the Kennedy Jobs File ([www.kennedyjobs.com](http://www.kennedyjobs.com)) a website designed to connect job seekers with regional employment opportunities on a weekly basis.