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Ohio Means Jobs Celebrates 1-Year Anniversary

Today marks the one-year anniversary of Ohio Means Jobs, an online job-matching tool launched on October 29, 2008, to help Ohio's unemployed workers find jobs, and to help Ohio employers quickly and easily identify qualified workers. Through a partnership with Indeed.com and Monster.com, Ohio Means Jobs gives employers free access to nearly 8.5 million resumes from within a 50-mile radius of the state, and job seekers access to more than 80,000 job openings. Ohio developed – and became the first state in the nation to adopt – this groundbreaking model of public-private collaboration. As of October 28, the site has had more than 7.6 million hits.

“By any measure, Ohio Means Jobs has been a tremendous success,” said Douglas Lumpkin, director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), which developed the tool in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Development and the Ohio Board of Regents. “It leverages state-of-the-art, no-cost services for Ohio employers that are available only for a fee in other states. In fact, other states are looking to replicate it.”

Anyone with a computer and access to the Internet can successfully use OhioMeansJobs.com. The tool is designed much like many other common Internet applications, such as Google and Monster. Job seekers can access more than 80,000 job openings for positions ranging from file clerks to CEOs and can search for jobs by key words and a variety of other filters, including company names, occupational titles, location and salary requirements. The site includes full-time, part-time, contract, internship and temporary opportunities. Job seekers also can use it to learn about upcoming recruitment events.

“Ohio Means Jobs has been an incredible asset to higher education in Ohio,” said Eric D. Fingerhut, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. “The Web site is not only a great resource for college students and recent graduates who are looking for a job or internship, but also serves as a way of keeping graduates in the state. Additionally, the site is used by our colleges and universities as an excellent way of finding talent to hire for job openings.”

Ohio Means Jobs allows employers to post job openings and search for resumes using a variety of filters, including key words, education, last employer, industry, career level, job skills and location. The sole requirement for Ohio employers to gain free access to Monster.com's resume database is that they register through the site, which takes just a few minutes.

“Through Ohio Means Jobs, employers are finding workers that possess the specific skill sets needed to thrive in a highly competitive 21st century economy,” said Lisa Patt-McDaniel, director of the Ohio Department of Development. “This valuable resource, which is provided free to both employers and job seekers, helps Ohio to retain, advance and attract top talent in our state.”

Registering on Ohio Means Jobs is free. To register, visit OhioMeansJobs.com. Since its launch, nearly 90,000 Ohio job seekers have used the site to add their resumes. More than 1,200 Ohio employers have registered to conduct resume searches.