

Construction workforce needed

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The construction industry in the Yuba-Sutter area is growing, and everything from carpenters to clerical staff is needed to handle the influx of work, a business workforce specialist said Friday.

To help fill those positions, the Sutter County Center for Business and Workforce Development is sponsoring a construction job fair on Thursday in Yuba City.

The fair is free and will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m at Veterans Hall, 1425 Circle Drive.

"We're getting so many calls from employers saying we need 25 builders," said Linda Baker, a business workforce specialist with the center. "We're trying to fill the need. There's not enough people that have the skills they need."

Wages for positions range from \$8 to \$30 per hour, depending on the worker's experience and the type of job, Baker said.

The job fair is a professional engagement, and people who intend to gain employment should come dressed in professional attire, know their background information, and bring several copies of their resumes and references.

The fair is not a family event, and organizers are requesting that parents make arrangements for child care.

"They need to be serious when they show up," Baker said. People will have the opportunity to meet with prospective employers, fill out applications and learn what type of jobs are out there.

But Baker encourages prospective job seekers to learn as much as they can about the businesses and what positions are available before attending the fair.

Baker has 312 businesses slated for representation at the fair. Some businesses in attendance will be The Home Depot, Viking Pools, Express Staffing, Comcast Cable, Windsor Door, Mescher Doors. RB Spencer and Contract Labor Pool Resources.

These companies need to fill a variety of positions, including clerical staff, drivers, general laborers, truss builders, concrete and masonry workers, and heating, ventilation and air conditioner workers, and others, she said. Workers will be needed for different types of construction such as home and commercial construction.

The jobs are not temporary positions, Baker said.

"They're going to be needed for the next several years," she said. Some of the businesses will be willing to train the employees, she said.

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