



Summary of Legislative VJF Event

SENATOR RAM VILLIVALAM

Summary of Events

Virtual Job Fair events were held the week of 2/1/21 – 2/5/21. Senator Ram Villivalam hosted the events of the week that included a workshop series, informational sessions on employers who are hiring, and a breakout room session where attendees could communicate with participating employers.

During these events, employers explained their open positions and company benefits. Attendees asked questions in the chat which were then asked during a Q&A session. After the Q&A, the Chicago Cooks Workforce Partnership provided a brief overview of the resources on their site for attendees in the senator's district. SIU then provided a demonstration of the Get Hired IL website and the different resources available for job seekers.



At a Glance

- Total Businesses: 10
- Total Attendees: 624
- Total Jobs Represented: 1,363



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I am grateful to all of our event partners who helped us host an incredibly successful event. We had hundreds of attendees over three days of resume workshops, informational sessions and interviews. My office is committed to helping residents overcome the employment challenges posed by the pandemic, including finding work and navigating the unemployment claims process. This event was an important step in that direction. – **Senator Ram Villivalam**



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Schedule / Attendees

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The events of the week held job seeker workshops, employer informational, and small breakout room discussion sessions:

- 2/1: Job Seeker Workshops
- 2/3: Employer Informational Session, Local Resources and Services Available, Q&A
- 2/5: Breakout Room Session with Direct Employer Contact

Job Seeker Workshop Sessions

The 2/1 Job Seeker Workshops included presentation topics such as:

- How to Create an Elevator Speak
- How to Work a Virtual Job Fair
- CMS: Intro to Navigating the State of Illinois' Hiring Process

This allowed attendees to prepare for the 2/3 and 2/5 events where they would learn more about and communicate with employers.

 Amazon - Morton Grove 250 Open Positions	 CVS Health 150 Open Positions	 Fifth Third Bank 95 Open Positions	 FLEX 100 Open Positions
 Illinois Department of Human Services 150 Open Positions	 Newly Weds Foods 250 Open Positions	 NorthShore University HealthSystem 300 Open Positions	 Northwestern Medicine - Central Dupage Hospital 5 Open Positions
 Sonoco 23 Open Positions	 Worldwide Flight Services 40 Open Positions		



“ The Job Fair was very informative. The majority of the applicants I encountered were looking for positions in an office setting or remote. The vast majority of our position are action position with a lot of time spent on your feet. I was able to talk to a number of applicants and several applied for positions. We are in the midst of filling 76 positions so we are looking for people who can begin right away. Having a chance to speak to so many people at once was a great advantage. I would love to participate in more. - **Patrice Brazil - Human Resource Manager Central Region at Worldwide Flight Services**

This was my first time attending the Senator’s Virtual Job Fair and I am very happy with the amount of job seekers we were able to reach and get the word out about opportunities at Sonoco! I felt prepared and informed about my responsibilities to make sure the sessions ran smoothly and I appreciated the resources we were provided i.e. the detailed agenda, contact information in case I had any questions and a dry run to get any technical issues/questions out of the way. The meetings were organized and I felt that I had enough time to pitch my company and what we had to offer to job seekers. I would gladly participate in this event in the future!” - **Lorie Tywan - Talent Acquisition Business Partner at Sonoco**

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