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**Illinois Department of Employment Security Joins
Illinois American Legion, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
and other partners at free hiring fair**

More than 90 employers with job openings confirmed; Veterans and military spouses to receive priority access

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) will participate in a free hiring fair hosted by the American Legion, Department of Illinois for all job seekers, especially veterans and military spouses, who will receive priority preview during the first hour of the event. Other supporting agencies include the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA), the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and Hero 2 Hired (H2H).

Currently, there are 31,650 unemployed veterans in Illinois looking for work. According to IDES and IDVA, Veterans and members of the military at times find it more challenging to find work than do other jobseekers. IDES' Business Services & Employment Services teams help veterans and all jobseekers find gainful employment through its extensive employment services. For information on the hiring event, please contact: Sheila Cutright at 217-524-7837; sheila.cutright@illinois.gov or Tory Davis, 309-671-4976, tory.davis@illinois.gov

IDES is enhancing its efforts to connect jobseekers to employers more quickly. To implement this initiative successfully, **unemployment insurance claims filed on or after July 17, 2016 will require a complete registration for employment service and at least one resume uploaded to IllinoisJobLink.com -- before unemployment insurance benefits can be issued. More information on registering for employment service is available on the Department's website: at www.ides.illinois.gov.**

What: IL Dept. of Employment Security (IDES) participates in American Legion Free Hiring Event for Jobseekers, veteran jobseekers and military spouses

When: Friday, July 15, 2016
Veteran Preview: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
General Public: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: Prairie Capital Convention Center
1 Convention Center Plaza,
Springfield

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