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Governor Quinn Pushes for More Asian Americans in State Workforce

Workshops across the state help boost diversity in Illinois government

SPRINGFIELD—The Governor’s Asian American Employment Plan Advisory Council is continuing its free series of workshops designed to boost the number of Asian Americans in the state workforce. Nearly 80 people attended the Mini-Job Fair/State Employment Information Session in Champaign-Urbana.

Hosted by the Governor’s Asian American Employment Plan Advisory Council, the free workshop featured speakers from various state agencies who described what jobs are available, what qualifications are required and how to navigate the State’s online employment application system.

More than a half-million Asian Americans live in Illinois. One of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services’ (CMS’) goals is to improve the diversity of the state’s workforce by actively recruiting qualified minorities, females, and persons with disabilities for employment with the agencies, boards, and commissions under the jurisdiction of the governor.

To address the longstanding, under-representation of Asian Americans in the workforce, Governor Quinn pushed for legislation in 2012 to create the Asian American Employment Plan Advisory Council. The governor charged the newly-appointed members with the tasks of doubling the number of Asian American state workers and reviewing hiring and promotions practices of each agency. More information is available at <http://work.illinois.gov/diversityenglish.htm>

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