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2010 Re-Entry Career and Community Resource Fair

Believe in the Power to Change – Building Lives and Changing Minds!

DES MOINES - Iowa Workforce Development, along with the Iowa Department of Corrections, U.S. Federal Probation, Spectrum Resources, Urban Dreams, Creative Visions, Iowa Employment Solutions, will be sponsoring their 3rd annual Reentry Career and Community Resource fair to be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at the Botanical Center, 909 Robert D. Ray, Des Moines, Iowa from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

“It’s important that we work together to integrate ex-offenders back into the community,” stated Iowa Workforce Development Director Elisabeth Buck. “When ex-offenders obtain stable employment within six months of their release, we see a drastic reduction in recidivism rates.”

This event will be open to the public but is intended to give job opportunities to ex-offenders as well as provide resource information. If you are a company who believes in “Second Chances” and would like to contribute to the ability of these job seekers to turn their lives around please contact Brenda Tart at Iowa Workforce Development (515) 281-9624. Please ask about the tax credits and free bonding when hiring ex-offenders. You can make a difference.

At this year’s event there will be a opening ceremony from 9:30 to 10:30 in the dome to present awards recognizing employers in the community who have supported the hiring of ex-offenders as well as ex-offenders who have not only been successful in maintaining employment since their release, but have been exemplary employees as well.

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