## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## SEMINAR TO PROVIDE LOCAL EMPLOYERS WITH ASSISTANCE IN HIRING WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK** (September 3, 2008) – Oklahoma employers will have an opportunity to learn more about hiring workers with disabilities at a complimentary business seminar on September 23 and 24. The "Recruiting and Retaining Workers with Disabilities" seminar will provide employers with the knowledge and skills to effectively hire these workers and provide them with the greatest opportunity to succeed. Sponsors for the event, which is available at no cost to participants, include Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC), Oklahoma City Human Resource Society, Tulsa Area Human Resources Association, Oklahoma Office of Disability Concerns, Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), Oklahoma Disability Law Center (ODLC), and the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Participants will learn about subjects such as the law pertaining to recruitment and retention of workers with disabilities, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), cost-effective ways to provide reasonable accommodations, and promoting a mental health friendly workplace. Speakers include Sam R. Fulkerson (Oklahoma City session) and Charles Plumb (Tulsa session), practicing labor and employment law attorneys; Jeanie Jones, a licensed behavioral practitioner for INTEGRIS; and Belen Burkhalter, Angela Hillard and Lesli Lennier of DRS.

For convenience, sessions are being provided in both Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The seminar is scheduled for September 23, 2008, in Oklahoma City at the Francis Tuttle Technology Center and for September 24, 2008, in Tulsa at the Tulsa Technology Center. Both sessions will run from 7:30 a.m. until noon. More location information is provided below. Attendees are also certified to receive four (4.0) general recertification credit hours from the Human Resource Certification Institute.

To register or for more information, please visit http://www.oesc.state.ok.us/business-seminars.shtm.

## **Recruiting and Retaining Workers with Disabilities**

Francis Tuttle Technology Center Rockwell Campus, Construction Trades Bldg. #7 12777 N. Rockwell, Oklahoma City, OK September 23, 2008 7:30 a.m. - noon Tulsa Technology Center, Lemley Campus 3420 S. Memorial Drive, Tulsa, OK September 24, 2008 7:30 a.m. - noon