Covering 2nd Quarter 2011

The Guymon Local Labor Market (LLM) is made up of Beaver, Cimarron and Texas counties and covers the panhandle of Oklahoma.

The Guymon Workforce Center was utilized by two employers for pre-employment assessments and interviews in second quarter 2011.

Also during the quarter, a fire in downtown Guymon displaced retail businesses, a restaurant and offices. However, within a week’s time, a new location was secured for the restaurant, and remodeling is in progress. A ground breaking ceremony was held for SPF North America, Inc., a maker of pet food palatants. The new Dollar General Store location is open with two new retail businesses scheduled to open in the late summer.

Guymon Workforce Center employees continue to provide quality services to assist both the employer and the jobseeker with their employment needs.

SPOTLIGHT ON

WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program provides tax incentives to employers who hire from targeted groups that traditionally face significant barriers to employment. Depending on the certified target group to which a new hire belongs, an employer can receive a tax credit of $2,400, $4,800 or $9,000 for each WOTC-eligible worker hired. Groups targeted by WOTC include recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Family (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food stamps, Supplement Security Income (SSI), long-term family assistance, and vocational rehabilitation as well as summer youth employees, designated community residents, ex-felons, disabled veterans, unemployed veterans and disconnected youth. Most workers who don’t qualify for the maximum tax credit can receive a partial credit. There is no limit to the number of workers for whom an employer can claim the tax credit. For more information on the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, please call (405) 557-7128.

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