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Ford Hosts Job Expo to Help People Find Work

OAK PARK, IL –State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) and the Austin Voice Newspaper announced Tuesday they will bring a Job Training Expo to the Greater Austin Community on Saturday, April 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory High School located at 5088 W. Jackson Blvd. in Chicago.

With the unemployment rate still at record levels, Ford is working to help citizens receive training so that they can find opportunities to get back to work. The Expo is free and open to the public, and will include presentations from the Illinois Department of Employment Security; Illinois Student Assistance Commission; Introspective Youth Services; United States Army; and the Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center. Attendees are strongly encouraged to bring a government issued identification card; paper and a pen to take notes; and a desire to learn.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Illinois' unemployment rate is ranked as the 43rd highest of the 50 states, with 11.4% of Illinois citizens unemployed as of February, 2010. This number only represents a fraction of the young people who are currently seeking employment.

“We want to give young people and adults the skills necessary to find jobs,” Ford said. “In this economy, employers are looking for the most qualified, trained workforce. We want to ensure that job seekers are prepared for these opportunities and have easy access to the public services available to help them.”

To RSVP, please call Ford's Constituent Service Office at (773) 378-5902.

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Who:	State Representative La Shawn K. Ford The Austin Voice Newspaper
When:	Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Where:	Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory High School 5088 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, Illinois 60644

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