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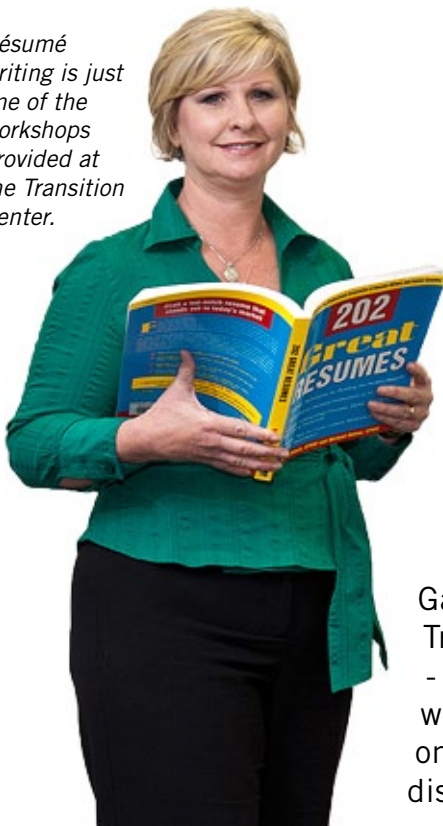
The SRNS Workforce Transition Center Helps

AIKEN, S.C. – June 21, 2011 – On March 21, the SRNS Transition Center went into operation, and by June 13, had assisted in finding employment for 54 displaced workers.

Where have the total 54 hires gone to continue their career?

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| • 3 – Bechtel | • 1 – Parsons | • 1 – Intermech |
| • 4 – URS | • 1 – Consultant | • 1 – Carolina Computers |
| • 1 – Invensys | • 12 – MOX | • 1 – Quad Graphics |
| • 1 – Club Car | • 1 – Harley Davidson | • 1 – Teacher |
| • 5 – E2 | • 1 – Cerner | • 2 – LANL |
| | • 2 – SRNS | • 1 – Vogtle |
| | • 2 – Unknown location | • 1 – Empyrian Serv |
| | • 1 – Lifecycle Engineering | • 1 – Duke Power |
| | • 1 – Emergency Dispatcher-
Bamberg | • 1 – Konecrane |
| | • 2 – Denuke | • 1 – Oak Ridge |
| | • 3 – SRR | • 1 – Georgia Health Science
University |
| | • 1 – Federal Alliance | |

Résumé writing is just one of the workshops provided at the Transition Center.



The center is staffed with employees from SRNS, the Lower Savannah Council of Governments and the Department of Employment Workforce, South Carolina. They have worked with the 236 displaced workers who have visited so far. There have been 694 total cumulative visits, 536 of which were scheduled and 158 were walk-ins, and 80 total known job interviews.

Gary Perez, the Transition Center coordinator, said, “The Transition Center has really been a great example of teamwork - different organizations working together with the same goal, with each appreciating the skills, abilities and knowledge of one another and using them synergistically for the benefit of the displaced workers.”

For their initial visit, displaced workers get a copy of their training records and job descriptions to help in the résumé writing. Job opportunities bulletin boards and resource materials on companies that are recruiting are available at the center.

“From the beginning, we have focused on the displaced workers as being family. We have tried to the best of our abilities to not only help them find new employment, but to also be there for them holistically; providing financial counseling, personal counseling through our Employee Assistance Program (for both individuals and family) and instruction to compete for jobs through the various workshops,” said Perez.

Workshops provided at the center include: Resume Writing, Interview Skills, Job searches, Workforce Investment Act briefing, How to Start a Business, Marketing, O-J-T Program under the Workforce Investment Act Workforce Initiative Act Briefing, Financial Assistance/ Consultants and Stress Management and Change.

Services at the Center include: job searches, résumé placement in the Lower Savannah Council of Governments’ Onestop Database, the Employee Assistance Program, unemployment services (recertification, etc.), Workforce Investment Act services and financial services.

One displaced worker told Perez, “I appreciate all the help you and the Transition Center have done for me. It really gave me



The SRNS Transition Center (top) on Laurens Street in downtown Aiken. A computer center (bottom) is set up at the Transition Center for displaced workers to view online job availability and more

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encouragement and really helped me a lot, especially on how to create a resume. I had not done a resume in over 22 years.”

After interviewing with a new company, another displaced worker who attended the workshops offered at the Transition Center said, “Regarding the interview vs. the workshop -- pretty much dead on. The refresher was well worth it. Many of the questions asked were covered during the workshop ... A couple of times I was told that I had an impressive resume -- again something I picked up at one of the workshops. If I had any advantage, it was because of the Transition Center and the workshops offered. ”

The center’s staff interfaces with the displaced workers, e-mails notifications to all registered displaced workers about possible job positions, establishes one-on-one meetings between Workforce Services Reps and the displaced employees and works with other companies to ensure registration with the Onestop centers. So far, they have interfaced with over 30 different companies and firms, including Parsons, Newport News, Bechtel, E2, Honeywell, SRR and MOX.

“We want them to know we care for them as people, with dignity and respect - encouraging them through daily communications via internet or telephone. Caring, communication and compassion are the keys at the heart of the Center, and are coupled with a skilled team that knows their jobs and performs at the highest level,” said Perez.

One of the displaced workers they assisted said, “I can tell by your attitude that you really care. That means a lot.” Many others, who receive steady “words of encouragement” from Perez and others at the center, shared that sentiment.

When judged by the feedback and continuous improvements, the SRNS Transition Center is succeeding in the goal to treat the displaced workers well, while helping them learn techniques and skills and gain new employment.