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Gov. Pritzker and CMS Act to Support Federal Workers

State of Illinois will host two career fairs in March for former federal employees and members of the public in Edwardsville and Chicago

CHICAGO – Today, Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) announced two Spring Career Fairs this month targeting former federal workers: one in Edwardsville and one in Chicago. Taking place March 6 at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and March 20 at Malcolm X College, former federal workers along with members of the public will be able to explore diverse job opportunities, connect with hiring professionals, and take the next step in their public service journey.

“Civil servants choose to work on behalf of the public and help make people’s lives better. Donald Trump’s and Elon Musk’s attempts to demonize hardworking public servants as ‘parasites’ or ‘the deep state’ is shameful and disturbing,” **said Governor JB Pritzker**. “In response to the indiscriminate firing of workers, I directed CMS to host these fairs and recruit experienced workers who can bring their strong work ethic and talents to the State of Illinois.”

Job opportunities are available in a variety of fields at the State, including Engineering, Healthcare, Accounting, Auditing, Environmental Services, Fiscal Management, Legal, and more. Representatives from multiple different agencies will be in attendance. Available roles range from entry level and technical positions to supervisory roles.

“In Illinois, we are focused on creating and retaining jobs while investing in the State’s workforce,” **said Deputy Governor for Budget and Economy, Andy Manar**. “Civil Servants are the backbone of our country and in Illinois, we are removing barriers to ensure displaced federal employees can pursue meaningful work with the State.”

“These career fairs are more than just connecting with talent—we see these fairs as opportunities to generate growth and foster the future of State service,” **said CMS Director Raven DeVaughn**. “Across Illinois, we are working together to build the workforce of tomorrow, today.”

The Spring Career Fairs are free and open to everyone, including mid-to-senior-level professionals, career changers, first-time job seekers, and college students. Representatives from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Malcolm X College will also be available at their respective events to discuss educational pathways.

The following State Agencies will have representatives at these fairs:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Central Management Services
- Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Employment Security
- Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
- Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Innovation and Technology
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Revenue
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Illinois Capitol Development board
- Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board
- Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security
- Illinois Tollway
- Teachers' Retirement System of Illinois

Details for the Spring Career Fairs are as follows:

<p>State of Illinois Spring Career Fair: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville</p> <p>March 6, 2025 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 6 Hairpin Drive, Edwardsville, IL Meridian Ballroom Attendees should use Parking Lot B</p> <p>Media planning to attend should RSVP to cynthia.johnson3@illinois.gov by March 5 at 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>State of Illinois Spring Career Fair: Malcolm X College</p> <p>March 20, 2025 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 1900 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL Conference Center Hall</p> <p>Media planning to attend should RSVP to cynthia.johnson3@illinois.gov by March 19 at 4:00 p.m.</p>
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The federal government is the second largest single employer in Illinois, behind the State of Illinois. Last month, Governor Pritzker [issued a statement](#) urging federal workers in Illinois to understand their rights and joined the American Federation of Government Employees' (AFGE) District 7 Leadership Meeting [to offer guidance and support](#) as federal workers navigate new protocols from the White House.

For more information about job opportunities at the State of Illinois, visit <https://work.illinois.gov/>.

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