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## Second Annual Destination Occupation Job Fair Attended by Many Local Residents and Katrina Evacuees

Almost 5,700 area residents attended the second annual Destination Occupation regional job fair presented by Houston Mayor Bill White and Harris County Judge Robert Eckels at the George R. Brown Convention Center on Tuesday, Aug. 15. A total of 153 area employers, including 13 from Louisiana, with more than 5,300 job openings among them interviewed individuals looking for work and residents considering new jobs or careers.

The WorkSource hosted and coordinated the event. Along with HR Houston, The WorkSource helped attendees complete job applications, build and update resumes, help identify employment prospects and arrange for jobseekers to meet representatives from companies looking to fill current job openings. Several companies conducted formal one-on-one job interviews during the event, hiring 69 before the day was over. More than 750 more were expected to be hired by the end of October, following additional testing and further interviews.

Destination Occupation also included job search seminars and workshops on how to write a resume and how to dress and prepare for a job interview. The workshops were very popular and drew large crowds. For Hurricane Katrina evacuees attending the job fair, there were a number of social service providers present to provide assistance and answer questions regarding housing, parenting and child care, transportation, reintegration and crisis counseling services.

