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## Public invited to job fair at Berlin Public Library July 14; Special Invitation to those facing lay off at HyPro

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development invites the public to attend a job fair from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2025, at the Berlin Public Library, 121 W. Park Ave., Berlin, Wisconsin.

The community-wide event had already been planned as one of the Mini-Job Fairs that FVWDB and DWD hold monthly throughout the region, but was expanded to accommodate up to 12 employers interested in meeting soon-to-be-laid off HyPro workers, along with others from the Berlin community.

"There is some evidence that hiring in many parts of our state have cooled in recent months, but we know that talent attraction remains robust and employers are always thrilled to connect with skilled job seekers," said Anthony Snyder, FVWDB CEO, "This is especially important in the more rural parts of our region where the labor shortage is even greater."

HyPro, Inc., located at 546 S. Industrial Park Drive, Berlin, announced on June 17 that it would be permanently closing its Berlin location, resulting in the layoff of 24 workers by August

16, 2025. HyPro is a contract manufacturer specializing in machining, assembly, and complex component manufacturing for various industries.

"While it is unfortunate that a local facility will close later this summer, we know that other regional companies are looking for talent; this fair is the first step in making those connections," Snyder said.

Along with employers, members of the region's Rapid Response Team will be present on site to speak with any workers impacted by the HyPro layoffs and anyone else from the community. They can help answer questions about Unemployment Insurance, retraining after loss of job, and steps to move forward with a job search, including a resume refresh.

The community wide job fair is open to all. Among employers registered to recruit new hires are Associated Training Services, Brightstar Care, Prolec Energy, Synergy HomeCare, Tann Corporations and the United State Postal Service. Space still exists for employers with an interest in recruiting at the job fair. They can learn more by visiting <a href="https://www.foxvalleyjobcenters.org">www.foxvalleyjobcenters.org</a>. The price to exhibit is \$50 and all employers are welcome.

As of May 2025, the unemployment rate in Wisconsin was relatively low at 3.3%. Green Lake County has an unemployment rate of 3.6%. The national unemployment rate in the USA is 4.2%.

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**Fox Valley Workforce Development Board** (FVWDB) is a not-for-profit working to build a world-class workforce in northeast Wisconsin. Serving six counties — Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago — FVWDB collaborates with a number of state and local agencies to help job seekers gain the skills needed to find employment, and to help businesses find the highly skilled workers they need.



Mini Job Fairs held throughout the region are casual, quick and energetic opportunities to meet local employers in a location close to home. The above photo taken a previous Mini Job Fair shows is an example of expected traffic. The next Mini Job Fair will take place 1-3 pm on Monday, July 14, at the Berlin Public Library.

(More photos available upon request)

A flyer with all Mini-Job Fair events is also included.

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