




## Local employment: Web site to be unveiled at fair

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

The Tri-county Job Quest will allow jobseekers to meet face-to-face with employers, but a new tool for companies and workers alike will also be unveiled that day.

A new employment Web site will be launched at the local job fair next Wednesday for companies and workers in Henderson, Union, Webster and McLean counties.

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The Web site, sponsored by the Northwest Kentucky Forward regional economic development agency, will allow qualified jobseekers to register for work.

Employers from this area will then be able to search the online database for the type of workers they need.

The Web site will be free to both employers and jobseekers, according to Cj Maple, manager of existing business for Northwest Kentucky Forward.

To register, jobseekers must meet two qualifications:

- They must have a high school degree or GED.

- They must have a two-year college associate's degree; two years or journeyman's experience; or have taken the free Work Keys test at Henderson Community College that will show their reading, math and other skills.

"Jobseekers will be able to see what registered employers have and what jobs are available," Maple said.

"Likewise, employers will be able to get on and see the Work Key scores" or other qualifications of jobseekers, she said.

"Employers are looking for certain calibers (of applicants)," Maple said. "That's where employers are going."

The Web site, whose address will be announced at Job Quest, "should be a really big benefit to employers and be simple to use," she said.

Ten computers will be set up for jobseekers to register on the Web site at the job fair, which takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. next

Wednesday at the Henderson Fine Arts Center on the HCC campus.

A free seminar for employers is planned next month. "Employers can get hands-on experience and see how it works," Maple said.

The employer seminar will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, at the fine arts center.