

You are receiving this e-mail because you have contacted the Federal Bureau of Prisons in the past year inquiring about the status of the new Federal Correctional Institution under construction in McDowell County, WV. Here's some news we wanted to share with you!

Federal Bureau of Prisons Job Information Seminars

The McDowell County Economic Development Association (EDA), in conjunction with Region 1 WORKFORCE West Virginia and the WV Talent Team Recruitment Partnership, will host three Federal Bureau of Prisons' Job **Information Seminars** during the week of September 21, 2009. The general public is invited to attend and learn about different career paths available with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and more specifically, the new Federal Correctional Institution under construction in McDowell County (Welch, West Virginia). It is anticipated the hiring process for the approximately 320 full time positions will start early 2010. Job seekers and local stakeholders will learn about the types of positions available at the new facility, the estimated number and types of positions to be hired, basic qualifications to work for a federal prison and specific information about how to prepare for a career with this prestigious Department of Justice law enforcement component.

The FCI located in McDowell County, West Virginia will house approximately 1,152 medium security and 128 minimum security adult male offenders. **The approximately \$249 million construction project is underway with anticipated completion early 2010. FCI McDowell will employ approximately 320 to 340 full time staff and should start interviewing and hiring process after the 2010 federal budget is passed.** To date, eleven FCI McDowell staff have been selected to assist in coordinating the opening of the federal prison. The FCI will contribute approximately \$38 million annually to the local and regional economy as 80% +/- will be spent locally on salaries, goods, services and utilities.

It is important to remember that a prison is much like a small city surrounded by the security of a fence and that Correctional Officers make up a large portion of the employees at a prison. However, there will also be positions available for Doctors, Nurses, Food Service Supervisors, Accounting Technicians, Secretaries, Teachers and Maintenance Worker Supervisors - just to name a few. This new area employer will offer secure and stable careers for local qualified job seekers. To find out more information, you are encouraged to attend one of the sessions listed below:

Monday, September 21:

Job Information Seminar - 6pm to 8pm

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College
Wyoming/McDowell Campus
Route 97, Saulsville, WV
304-294-2010

Wednesday, September 23:

Job Information Seminar - 6pm to 8pm

National Guard Armory
600 Stewart Street
Welch, WV
304-436-4980

Thursday, September 24:
Job Information Seminar - 6pm to 8pm
Mercer Technical Education Center
1397 Stafford Street
Princeton, WV
304-929-5494

For those of you that have already applied - Congratulations! Remember part of the interview process involves a review of your credit. It is recommended you pull your credit report prior to the interview. We will. If you have bills that are delinquent, please make written arrangements with creditors to pay off overdue balances and plan on bringing the documentation to your interview.

***If you need assistance dealing with your credit, call and reserve a spot today in the workshop "Credit When Credit Is Due" offered throughout Southern West Virginia this fall! 304-929-6735.

The position of Correctional Officer, Medical Doctor, Psychologist, Dentist and Registered Nurse are open for applicants to apply at www.usajobs.gov. Remember, you will not see an announcement especially listing "FCI McDowell" at this time - but a "US Nationwide" announcement. If you complete the federal resume' in USAJOBS, then apply to one of the open positions, there will be a drop down menu at the end of the application when you may select FCI McDowell as your first, second or third choice. If you apply to one of the above listed positions, you should receive a score immediately in your e-mail box.

If you are interested in Correctional Officer position at McDowell County facility, apply at www.usajobs.gov under announcement BOP-N-0007-001 which is listed as "nationwide." Select FCI McDowell at the end of the application process from a drop down menu.

Cut and paste this link into your internet browser for the Correctional Officer announcement:
[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=78207104&JobTitle=Correctional+Officer+\(GL-05%2f06\)&sort=rv&vw=d&brd=3876&ss=0&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&jbf574=DJ03&AVSDM=2009-05-16+12%3a32%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=78207104&JobTitle=Correctional+Officer+(GL-05%2f06)&sort=rv&vw=d&brd=3876&ss=0&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&jbf574=DJ03&AVSDM=2009-05-16+12%3a32%3a00)

Another hint: When you apply to the BOPHIRES application for Correctional Officer, do NOT put in your social security number. If you do, this screen will lock up and kick you out of the application.

Until then, there are things you can do to prepare:

- 1) Attend the free "Managing the Federal Job Application Maze" offered by WV Workplace Education Program throughout Southern West Virginia! Contact Dreama Pauley at 304-425-9362 to reserve your spot in the next workshop!
- 2) Start your federal resume' at www.usajobs.gov
- 3) Sign up for the free job search notification system on USAJOBS so you won't miss a vacancy announcement!
- 4) Pull your credit report and make written arrangements with creditors to pay off overdue balances and plan on bringing the documentation to your interview. If you need assistance, call and reserve a spot today in the workshop "Credit When Credit Is Due" offered throughout Southern West Virginia this fall! 304-929-6735.

Good Luck!

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Attached is an updated FCI McDowell Fact Sheet.