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PRESS RELEASE

Mine Safety Technology Consortium and Partners Set to Present 2009 Miners' Celebration Free and Open to the Public Resource Fair

Montgomery WV, June 25, 2009:

The Mine Safety Technology Consortium and several local and regional partners are set to present the 2009 Miners' Celebration Resource Fair at the Beckley–Raleigh County Convention Center on Friday, July 24, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The 2009 Miners' Celebration Resource Fair is being held in conjunction with the two day 2009 Miners' Celebration to honor the mining professional. The resource fair will be free to both employers and job seekers and will provide an opportunity for current mining professionals or those interested in the mining industry to participate in a job fair and career development counseling session. The Beckley, West Virginia Office of Workforce West Virginia, the Women's Business and Training Center, and Bridgemont Community and Technical College will be offering a variety of classes and clinics on resume writing, interviewing skills, small business development and business plan writing, in addition to an overview of training and skill set development programs at local and regional colleges and universities. Local and regional companies and educational programs participating in the 2009 Miners' Celebration Resource fair include:

West Virginia Mine Power

Pocahontas Coal

Bridgemont Community and Technical College

New River Community and Technical College

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College

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Valley College

West Virginia University Institute of Technology

Bluefield State College

The Beckley, WV Office of Workforce West Virginia

The Women's Business and Training Center

The Educational Opportunity Center

UMWA Career Academy

The 2009 Miners' Celebration will provide an opportunity for participants to listen to presentations and view exhibits pertaining to the mining industry and obtain a unique perspective to the role coal mining has played in the development of the Mountain State. Confirmed speakers for Thursday, July 23, include: Secretary Kelley Goes, WV Department of Commerce; Director Ron Wooten, WV Office of Miner's Health, Safety, and Training; Dave Casto, BrickStreet Insurance; John Faini, MSHA Approval and Certification Center; Dr. Paul Rakes, WVU Tech Department of History Chair; Dr. Fred Barkey, Professor Emeritus Marshall University College of Graduate Studies, and University of Charleston; Christy Bailey, Executive Director National Coal Heritage Area Authority; Karen Vuranch, author and professional storyteller.

Confirmed vendors and exhibitors for the 2009 Miners' Celebration include: BrickStreet Insurance; State Electric Supply Company; MSHA Training Academy; Fairmont Supply Company; the Coal Heritage Trail Authority; Workforce WV; WVU Tech Leonard C. Nelson School of Engineering; Bridgemont Community and Technical College; UMWA Career Academy; The State Journal; Mountain Cap, WV; Mac Arts; The Brownfield's Assistance Center at Marshall University; Whipple Company Store & Museum; West Virginia Music Hall of Fame "Music of the Coalfields"; Wheeling Jesuit University "Photography Exhibit of Welch and Logan, West Virginia"; Rocket Gifts; Griffs Loft; Lee Mine Supply; Alliance Consulting; and GEM Photography.

For additional information or to register please contact the Women's Business & Training Center at (800) 766-4556 or www.westvirginiawbc.org

