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**SLEC TO PRESENT INDUSTRIAL TRADES JOB FAIR**

*Displaced workers focus of state-regional-local initiative*

SCHRIEVER, Louisiana –South Louisiana employers seeking recruits for open positions will be on hand Friday, June 10, at the Industrial Trades Job Fair, presented in part by the South Louisiana Economic Council (SLEC).

Job seekers with oil and gas experience are encouraged to attend with résumés in hand. Candidates should dress professionally.

“SLEC is pleased to help spearhead this collaboration between the State of Louisiana and our regional/local partners,” said Vic Lafont, President and CEO of SLEC. “The oil and gas industry is a major part of the Bayou Region’s economic lifeblood, and we look forward to helping our constituents get back to work.”

Slated for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fletcher Technical Community College’s main campus, located at 1407 Highway 311 in Schriever, the job fair will feature companies with immediate openings in Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and other areas of the state.

“Louisiana’s oil and gas workers have made tremendous contributions to our state’s economy over the years, and we are committed to helping them navigate this temporary downturn in their industry,” Governor John Bel Edwards said. “Louisiana Economic Development (LED) and its regional and local partners have an array of valuable resources for matching our skilled workers with available jobs throughout South Louisiana. Our goal is to get all of our dedicated oil and gas workers back on the job as quickly as possible.”

SLEC’s associate job-fair presenters include the Lafourche Parish Government; Louisiana Economic Development; Louisiana Job Connection; Louisiana Workforce Commission; Louisiana Community and Technical College System; Fletcher Technical Community College; South Central Louisiana Technical College; St. Mary Parish Government; and Terrebonne Economic Development Authority.

“We are deeply committed to partnering with our allies in regions of our state that have been hardest-hit by the downturn in the oil and gas sector,” LED Secretary Don Pierson said. “We’ve

had great success in matching job seekers with Louisiana employers, via [LED FastStart®](#) and [LouisianaJobConnection.com](#). With [BayouOpportunity.com](#) now up and running, and the Industrial Trades Job Fair coming up in a few weeks, LED becomes an even stronger force for connecting displaced workers with new job opportunities.”

Job fair registration is available at [www.bayouopportunity.com](http://www.bayouopportunity.com)

Dr. Kristine Strickland, chancellor of Fletcher, said she looks forward to welcoming job candidates to campus.

“Fletcher is honored to serve as the host institution for the upcoming job fair,” Strickland said. “We hope this event will provide opportunities for members of our community who have been displaced due to the downturn in the oil and gas industry to find employment or training. A core activity of Fletcher is to provide workforce training and opportunities for individuals to find employment in high demand—high wage jobs. We know that the job fair will provide such an opportunity to our community, and we encourage everyone to register and attend this important event.”

#### **ABOUT SLEC**

The South Louisiana Economic Council (SLEC) is a 501(3)(c) not-for-profit economic development agency established to support regional economic development in the parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Mary, and Terrebonne. SLEC is one of eight regional economic organizations officially designated as strategic partners in the implementation of the economic development policies and programs of Louisiana Economic Development.

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