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## **State job fair attracts hundreds in Oakland**

*Statewide hiring campaign will continue with virtual job fairs scheduled through March*

Oakland, CA – More than 400 people attended a state recruitment fair in Oakland Thursday at the kickoff of the state's new Work for California recruitment campaign. Attendees included software developers, engineers, recent graduates, UX designers, project managers, teachers and candidates with advanced degrees.

"Thursday's event was a huge success with hundreds of people meeting with state recruiters and learning more about the opportunities with our departments" said Amy Tong, Secretary of California Government Operations Agency. "We have a lot to offer, and the state is looking to set itself apart by highlighting the great benefits, stability and telework options available."

The state is seeking to attract a wide range of talent to the state workforce at a time when there have been tens of thousands of recent layoffs in the tech sector.

The event featured leaders from the Government Operations Agency as well as directors of the departments of Consumer Affairs, Finance, General Services, Motor Vehicles and the offices of Data and Innovation, and Cradle-2-Career System.

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A new recruitment portal and interest form at [workforcalifornia.ca.gov](https://workforcalifornia.ca.gov) makes it easier for state recruiters to match applicants to state jobs.

“We know the process is not always easy, so this new tool is one way we’re helping applicants get assistance from recruiters to be matched with specific job openings,” Tong said. “Like many employers, the state is seeking to attract highly skilled workers and we believe the state stands apart with attributes like telework options, stability, great health insurance and a pension.”

The state has hundreds of openings for Information technology professionals. In addition, there are hundreds of openings for analysts, human resources professionals and legal positions.

Leading up to Thursday's event, the new portal received more than 2,100 completed interest forms. Future recruitment fairs will take place through March with a series of virtual job fairs that applicants can attend from anywhere in California.

## **Upcoming Virtual job fairs:**

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

5:30 PM - 6:45 PM Pacific time

[Register](#)

Thursday, March 2, 2023

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM Pacific time

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Tuesday, March 7, 2023

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM Pacific time

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Thursday, March 9, 2023

10:00 AM - 11:15 PM Pacific time

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Tuesday, March 14, 2023

5:30 PM - 6:45 PM Pacific time

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