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PHASE II YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT RECRUITMENT BEGINS

DeKalb County Workforce Introduces Armed Forces Recruitment Initiative

DECATUR - PHASE II of DeKalb County Workforce Development's Youth Summer Employment is being launched as the "**Armed Forces Employment Recruitment Initiative**" geared towards active duty military personnel (on leave), reservists, veterans and their eligible spouses to gain short-term employment without undergoing the normal selection process. Phase II comes on the heels of the successful completion of Phase I, which employed over **650** youth and put over **\$1.3 million dollars** back into the economy via the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and American Recovery Reinvestment Act (Stimulus) funds.

The "**Armed Forces Employment Recruitment Initiative**" will provide veterans and transitioning service members with the resources and services needed to succeed in the 21st century workforce. The program will impact many of the county's veterans and their spouses who have reported difficulty locating employment when returning from deployment. In addition, the program will further stimulate DeKalb's struggling economy. The program is focused on younger veterans between the ages of 18 – 24 and is limited to 350 participants and their eligible spouses. Eligible participants will begin work on August 20, 2009 and will conclude on September 30, 2009. Participants must meet all WIA eligibility mandates for these time-limited positions.

DeKalb County Workforce Development is a non-profit government agency dedicated to providing the residents of DeKalb County with the tools that are vital in securing and retaining employment. DeKalb Workforce Development assists adults, dislocated workers and youth with Workforce Investment Act funded activities such as occupational training, academic remediation, and tutoring and job search. For more information please contact Shundreka Mims at 404 371-3038.

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