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### BERC Draws Businesses and Job Seekers

**Westminster, MD – Monday, May 14, 2018** - The Carroll County Business/Employment Resource Center (BERC) hosted three separate job fair events last week in Westminster. These job fairs helped local businesses meet hundreds of candidates who could be considered for current and future employment opportunities. Even with an unemployment rate well below 4%, a cumulative attendance of approximately 450 job seekers came to meet with business representatives and apply for job openings.

A total of 50 businesses participated in the three job fairs at BERC offering a variety of employment options in wide-ranging industries, including: education, public service, healthcare, technology, manufacturing, sales, food service, hospitality, construction, and financial services.

Commissioner Steven Wantz (District 1), who spent considerable time speaking with the business representatives and observing the interaction of job seekers and employers remarked, “When I stopped by there were quite a few folks involved in interviews. I spoke with almost all of the businesses that were represented and they were excited with the turnout. BERC continues to be a shining star.”

Both job seekers and business representatives indicated that the job fairs were very helpful and productive. BB&T was represented by Kris Hall, Assistant Vice President of Recruiting and Talent Acquisition. Hall stated, “It was very well put together and I was busy throughout most of the event.”

The next large job fair at BERC is scheduled to take place in the fall. However, BERC hosts industry and company specific job fairs upon request. BERC provides assistance to businesses and job seekers throughout the year and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information and to learn more about BERC, call 410-386-2820, visit the BERC website at [carrollworks.com](http://carrollworks.com) or stop by the BERC center at 224 N. Center Street in Westminster.

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## **About Carroll County Business/Employment Resource Center**

Carroll County Business/Employment Resource Center is Economic Development's workforce agency that is part of America's Job Network and the Mid-Maryland Workforce Development Area.

The BERC mission is to develop a highly trained and effective workforce for new and existing businesses, to assist individuals in achieving employment and to encourage lifelong learning. BERC is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information please call 410-386-2820 or visit the website at [carrollworks.com](http://carrollworks.com).

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