Worksource Makes Holiday Job Shopping Easier Online

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OLYMPIA, Wash. - Shopping for a holiday job? Check out the online Holiday Job Marketplace.The online marketplace was created by the state’s WorkSource system. It allows job seekers to shop by geographic area and job titles, such as cashier, salesperson, shelf stocker and greeter. Job titles link directly to job openings posted on the WorkSource website,go2worksource.com “Holiday work is a great opportunity for job-seekers to gain some experience while looking for a full-time job,” said Employment Security Commissioner Paul Trause.Economists with the Washington State Employment Security Department project the seasonal hiring picture will look similar to last year. They expect retailers will add more than 13,300 jobs statewide from October through December, with most of the gains coming in November.Last year, employers hired nearly 14,000 additional workers, which was about 9 percent higher than Employment Security’s prediction.As in past years, general merchandisers should lead the way by adding some 7,400 jobs, down about 400 positions from the same period last year.Clothing and clothing-accessory stores expect to hire about 3,700 holiday workers, similar to the 2011 holiday season.The Holiday Job Marketplace can be found online at www.wa.gov/esd/holidayjobs.

Holiday hiring forecast by region for October through December 2012

Area2012 forecast2011 actual

Bellingham407476

Bremerton469438

Kennewick404605

Longview18972

Mount Vernon184205

Olympia672364

Seattle-Bellevue-Everett9,1338,234

Spokane1,2841,005

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