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Southeast State Correctional Complex Draws Nearly 900 Applicants in One Week

WHEELWRIGHT, Ky. (October 30, 2019) – Nearly 900 Kentuckians have already applied for employment at the Southeast State Correctional Complex in Wheelwright, a little over one week after announcing its opening. Hundreds attended job fairs in Wheelwright, Prestonsburg, and Pikeville, submitting applications and interviewing for jobs at the facility. The correctional complex will reopen in the coming weeks, employing almost 200 people with full state benefits, including health insurance and retirement. Job fairs started Monday morning.

“We have never had so many applications submitted in such little time at one of our correctional complexes,” Personnel Cabinet Secretary Thomas B. Stephens said. “I am thrilled to see such an incredible turnout for the hiring fairs and so much interest in the

opening of the facility. We've appreciated the enthusiastic response from applicants, and look forward to completing the hiring process."

Governor Bevin joined the Department of Corrections, the Personnel Cabinet, and elected officials from Floyd, Pike, and Knott Counties October 18th to announce the opening. Jobs will range from correctional officers to administrative positions to management jobs.

The Southeast State Correctional Complex will be housed in an existing, privately-owned, 650-bed facility in Wheelwright, Kentucky, providing much-needed space for medium-security inmates. The prison will be staffed and run by the state Department of Corrections under the same policies and procedures used in current state-owned facilities.

New hires will be eligible for full state benefits, including health insurance, vision and dental coverage, retirement, paid leave time, and more. Those interested in applying can go to careers.ky.gov.

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