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Supercharge your career: Inaugural Best Places to Work expo coming on Sept. 28

(Ottawa) How would you like to network with dozens of the region's best employers?

That's the main idea behind the inaugural Best Places to Work Career and Training Expo, scheduled for Sept. 28 at the Shaw Centre from 11:30 am to 6:00 pm.

The event is being organized by the Ottawa Business Journal in partnership with the Ottawa Board of Trade and WCG Employment Ontario.

"We repeatedly hear from business leaders that attracting talent is one of the biggest challenges they face," says OBJ publisher Michael Curran. "We want to help with that challenge in a very direct way. We're planning a really dynamic event that proudly and loudly demonstrates to students, experienced workers and new Canadians that Ottawa and Eastern Ontario are the best places to work and live."

The expo will feature dozens of exhibitors from industries, including technology, construction, manufacturing, professional services and the public sector.

Main stage presentations will provide attendees with local data on career trends, as well as education and training opportunities. Through the Hire Local initiative, all of the city's post-secondary institutions will be present, including the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, Algonquin College and La Cité.

A limited number of attendees will receive complimentary business portraits. Similarly, local professionals will be conducting one-on-one career mentoring sessions.

Amanda Barresi of WCG says her group is eager to leverage the expo to help job seekers and employers. "We're thrilled to bring top-tier services to both job seekers in

pursuit of new opportunities and employers aiming to expand their teams. It all begins at the Best Places to Work Expo!"

At 5:00 pm, OBJ and the Board of Trade will recognize the recipients of Best Places to Work 2023, an awards program that celebrates companies with highly engaged workforces.

Attendance is free with advance registration.

Here are some of the companies that are participating:

- Kinaxis
- Nokia
- Solace
- Ross Video
- Altis
- Ellis Don Construction
- Leclerc Foods
- The Cornwall Hospital
- Invest Ottawa
- City of Ottawa
- Government of Canada
- Hire Local
- Eastern Ontario Training Board
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Ottawa Construction Association
- Ottawa Carleton Home Builders
- Cornwall Economic Development
- Giatec Scientific
- ASCO Construction
- M CON Products
- Canadian Armed Forces
- Hire Immigrants
- And many more

Register today at <https://www.bestplacestoworkottawa.ca>.

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