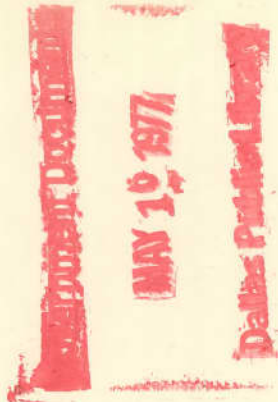


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MIDLAND/ODESSA JOB MATCHING FAIR BRINGS THEM IN

Nearly 1,500 job-seekers from Texas and at least four other states turned out March 26 to apply for approximately 900 openings at the Midland/Odessa Job Matching Fair, and 185 of them are known to be on the job today.

Ed Miller of the Texas Employment Commission in Midland said many more people have probably been hired, but the statistics are just not in yet.

"We still have some openings for highly skilled machinists, legal secretaries, lathe operators, sales people, sheet metal workers and auto mechanics," he said.

There were 150 different types of jobs offered at the job fair, enough variety for every member of a family to find employment, according to Jim Harwell, executive director of the Texas Industrial Commission, the primary state agency involved in TEXAS FIRST.

"We are still encouraging families to contact the TEC and to consider moving to the Midland/Odessa area," Harwell said. "They have housing, good schools and certainly a growing economy."

Job-seekers began lining up for the interviews as early as 7:30 that morning, with the line wrapping around the building and people standing in the rain.

Odessa has a new zoning coordinator who read about the job fair in the Fort Worth newspaper while visiting his grandmother. He is a recent graduate of the University of California in Davis.

Texas Instruments was the single largest employer, and has filled 150 of its approximately 400 openings.

The Midland and Odessa chambers of commerce jointly sponsored the job fair, along with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission. Other state agencies involved are the Texas Department of Community Affairs, Texas Education Agency and Governor's Office.  
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TO SAN ANGELO JOB FAIR

Employers participating in the San Angelo Job Matching Fair April 16 report nearly 700 applications were filled out by job-seekers braving pouring rains to apply for 400 area jobs.

Bill Warner of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, the local sponsor of the job fair and the second annual Industrial Expo, said it will take several weeks to determine how many persons were hired. Ninety companies displayed their products during the two-day expo, and also interviewed potential employees during the second day.

Other local sponsors were the TEC, Texas Association of Business and Concho Valley Regional Planning Commission.

The El Paso job fair has been canceled for at least four months, and the Fort Worth fair postponed to allow the city's new mayor an opportunity to review the program.

