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L.E. Phillips Career Development Center - Joins Broad Effort to Observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Nationwide campaign will take place in October

EAU CLAIRE, WI – SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 — L.E. Phillips Career Development Center today announced its participation in National Disability Employment Awareness Month, an annual awareness campaign that takes place each October. The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is "The Right Talent, Right Now".

The history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month traces back to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

"Every day, individuals with disabilities add significant value and talent to our workforce and economy," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta. "Individuals with disabilities offer employers diverse perspectives on how to tackle challenges and achieve success. Individuals with disabilities have the right talent, right now."

Reflecting this year's theme, throughout the month, L.E. Phillips Career Development Center will be engaging in a variety of activities to educate its employees and the community on disability employment issues and its commitment to an inclusive work culture. These efforts include Tapping into the Community on October 3, 2019 at the Growler Guys; Haunted Hustle 5K on October 19, 2019; and Lunch & Learn on October 23, 2019 at L.E. Phillips Career Development Center.

L.E. Phillips Career Development Center is proud to be a part of this year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month," said Angela Kjellberg, Marketing Coordinator, "We want to spread the important message that we value all perspectives, including those of individuals with disabilities and disadvantages."

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Employers and employees in all industries can learn more about how to participate in National Disability Employment Awareness Month and ways they can promote its messages — during October and throughout the year — by visiting www.dol.gov/NDEAM.

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