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**EDD's cannabis industry job fair in Palm Springs  
connects job seekers with cannabis industry employers**

**PALM SPRINGS** – The California Employment Development Department's (EDD) cannabis industry job fair held yesterday in Palm Springs connected more than 138 job seekers looking for employment opportunities with 54 employers and resource agencies.

“Through these job fairs, EDD is assisting qualified workers and licensed cannabis businesses in identifying job opportunities and employment-related services,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “Job seekers are finding industry connections for good-paying jobs, while employers are finding the tools needed to help them run successful businesses that create quality jobs.”

The job fair was held in conjunction with the Southern California Cannabis Council.

EDD initiated its cannabis industry job fairs to provide information to those interested in working in the cannabis industry, and to help licensed cannabis businesses find workers with the industry-required skills.

Multiple state and local agencies are participating in the fairs to provide resources and information for both businesses and job seekers.

Job-seeking attendees at the fair were able to access these on-site resources to learn more about private, non-profit and government jobs and assistance available:

- Recruiters for companies who are currently seeking candidates.
- Cannabis industry staffing agencies.
- Training and education resources.
- Government agencies that license, regulate and enforce within the cannabis industry.

On-Site resources for employer attendees included:

- Overviews of disability insurance and paid family leave, benefit eligibility, employer responsibilities and preventing fraud.
- Presentations on employee tax categories, along with information about wages, required payroll taxes, and when and how to file quarterly payroll tax returns and wage reports.

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- Guidance on state unemployment insurance, employer roles and responsibilities, and information on the State Information Data Exchange System.
- Employer resources offered by [America's Job Center of California<sup>SM</sup>](#) (AJCC) to help find qualified candidates for employment.
- The local Employer Advisory Council that offers employment related services to employers including access to an employment law attorney, an executive coach and a behavioral strategist for conflict resolution – all at no cost.

Employers and job seekers can also speak with EDD representatives in local [AJCC offices](#) throughout the state to maximize their employment and training opportunities. The EDD encourages job seekers to visit their local AJCC office to determine what employment services are available to assist them in their efforts to obtain employment.

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