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**VMFA to Host Ability Job Fair Featuring  
State Agencies, Higher Ed and Companies Across the Commonwealth**  
To Celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness and National Veterans and Military Families Month



The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts is pleased to announce its Ability Job Fair will be held Oct. 30, 10 am–1 pm in the Atrium. This is the second job fair hosted by VMFA, which plans to hold job fairs every two years. There will be more than 16 participating employers, along with resource tables, to welcome and connect with jobseekers. In attendance are state agencies, higher education institutions and companies, including Dominion Energy, Capital One, The Martin Agency and Ulta Beauty. VMFA encourages persons with different abilities, as well as veterans, to attend the job fair, but all jobseekers are welcome to attend.

“We welcome job seekers of all abilities. VMFA is an active participant in helping people to find work,” says Kimberly Wilson, Deputy Director for Human Resources, Volunteers and Community Service. “All Americans deserve to be given equal access to jobs and the right to work.”

VMFA is committed to opening the museum’s doors to people from different backgrounds, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender and abilities. The museum’s goal is to create a welcoming world-class cultural destination for visitors, volunteers and staff where inspiration, community and wonder are possible for everyone.

“Diversity and inclusivity are an important part of the hiring practices at VMFA,” says Alex Nyerges, Director and CEO of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. “We welcome employees of all backgrounds and know the important

contributions they make to the museum. And through the Ability Job Fair, VMFA is proactively seeking an array of job candidates.”

**The following employers will be present at the Ability Job Fair (For additional details, please visit the VMFA website.):**

Department of Human Resource Management

Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

Science Museum of Virginia

Department of Military Affairs

Department of Veterans Services

Department of Environmental Quality

Virginia Commonwealth University

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

Virginia Community College System

Virginia Hispanic Chamber

Dominion Energy

Capital One

Sodexo at HCA Healthcare System

Goodwill Central and Coastal Virginia

Ulta Beauty

Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Resource Table)

ABLEnow (Resource Table)

The Martin Agency

Soar365 (Formerly Greater Richmond ARC)



**About the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Virginia, is one of the largest comprehensive art museums in the United States. VMFA, which opened in 1936, is a state agency and privately endowed educational institution. Its purpose is to collect, preserve, exhibit and interpret art, and to encourage the study of the arts. Through the Office of Statewide Partnerships program, the museum offers curated exhibitions, arts-related audiovisual programs, symposia, lectures, conferences and workshops by visual and performing artists. In addition to presenting a wide array of special exhibitions, the museum provides visitors with the opportunity to experience a global collection of art that spans more than 6,000 years. VMFA's permanent holdings encompass nearly 40,000 artworks, including the largest public collection of Fabergé outside of Russia, the finest collection of Art Nouveau outside of Paris, and one of the nation's finest collections of American art. VMFA is also home to important collections of Chinese art, English silver, and French Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, British sporting and modern and contemporary art, as well as renowned South Asian, Himalayan and African art. In May 2010, VMFA opened its doors to the public after a transformative expansion, the largest in its history.

**The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts is the only art museum in the United States open 365 days a year with free general admission. For additional information, telephone 804-340-1400 or visit [www.VMFA.museum](http://www.VMFA.museum).**

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