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COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMS PLACEMENT SERVICES

CHARLESTON, IL--A new computer technology has transformed the way in which employers can source candidates from Eastern Illinois University.

Students and alumni of Eastern can now register for placement services through the university's Career Planning and Placement Center by entering their information on a diskette and returning this for uploading into the candidate database for employers to use for screening purposes. As a result of this new system, employers desiring to pre-screen candidates can do so easily and quickly, according to Shirley Stewart, director of the Career Planning and Placement Center.

Employers can call the Placement Center and indicate the variables they are looking for: a specific major(s), GPA, graduation date, current student vs alumnus, type of position and/or location desired by the candidate, etc., and data sheets will be electronically faxed or mailed at the employer's request. There is no cost to employers for this service.

"Both large and small businesses use this service frequently. It is a real time saver for recruiters. Pre-screening

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allows the prospective employer to look at our candidate databases of students and/or alumni to access possible matches with available openings," Stewart said. She added, "With budget constraints and downsizing, many companies and organizations do not have available staff to participate in on-campus interviewing or job fairs. This service permits employers to remain connected to the current pool of candidates available from Eastern Illinois University."

Employers who identify potential matches as a result of pre-screening can request, at no charge, a copy of the candidates' credential files which include transcripts, 3-5 letters of recommendation, and, if applicable, student teaching evaluations. The employer using this service has no obligation to hire an Eastern candidate if there isn't a match.

Other features of this computerized system include the listing of daily vacancies which can be viewed on any campus computer connected to the local area network. In addition, students can sign-up for campus interviews and research employer information.

Employers interested in this service should contact Stewart at 217-581-6396. The hours of the Placement Center are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.