

Miami Worldcenter to host its first job fair

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Miami Worldcenter wants to build a deep pipeline of construction workers in preparation for its groundbreaking in the third quarter, and will launch its first job fair to start bringing them on board.

The hiring event will be July 7 in Miami's Overtown neighborhood from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Agnes' Episcopal Church at 1750 N.W. 3rd Ave. in Miami.

Representatives from the \$1.7 billion urban development say there are no set amount of jobs that will be filled that day, but the first phase of the

development is expected to create at least 10,000 jobs from various trades. Specifically, the Worldcenter is looking for workers in plumbing, carpentry, concrete, painting, general labor and other construction-related jobs.

Wages will depend on the worker's trade and skill level, but the starting rate for unskilled workers is \$11.58 an hour with benefits or \$12.83 an hour without benefits.

Priority will be given to residents living within Miami's Southeast Overtown, Park West and Omni neighborhoods, then to applicants living within Miami and Miami-Dade County. Construction is expected to be complete about three years from its groundbreaking later this year.

"Miami Worldcenter will create much-needed employment opportunity for the deserving residents of Overtown," said Nitin Motwani, managing principal of Miami Worldcenter Associates. "We're working with a number of organizations at the grass roots level to ensure an inclusive process."

Miami Worldcenter is one of the biggest mixed-use urban projects in South Florida. It will encompass a 765,000-square-foot mall anchored by Bloomingdale's and Macy's, 899 residential units, and the 1,800-key Marriott Marquis Miami Worldcenter Hotel opening fall 2018. Its first phase is expected to create an economic impact of \$1 billion, according to a study from Fishkind & Associates.

The massive project will span 27 acres of the Overtown neighborhood on the north side of the central business district. The developer, Miami Worldcenter Associates, is led by Art Falcone of Encore Capital Management and Nitin Motwani.

The job fair will be coordinated by the Relocation & Development Firm along with the Miami Community Redevelopment Agency, the Miami-Dade Chamber, Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, Commissioner Keon Hardemon, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Mt. Olivette MBC, St. Johns MBC, Temple MBC and Greater Israel Bethel PBC.