

**U.S. Corrugated to screen prospective employees at end-of-week job fair**  
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Job seekers interested in applying for positions at a new manufacturing plant will get an opportunity to do so this week.

And city and job officials are expecting hundreds, if not thousands, of prospective candidates to apply for openings at U.S. Corrugated Inc.

Pre-screening sessions are scheduled for Friday and Saturday at the Liberty Center.

"We have gotten lots and lots of calls every day and people stopping in person asking when (U.S. Corrugated) will be hiring," said Nida Reid-Williamson, supervisor for workforce development. "When you think about (the number) of people who are looking for employment or better employment, you can expect to see larger numbers."

U.S. Corrugated Inc. - a boxmaker - is expected to open in October in the Rockmill Industrial Park, off Campground Road.

The facility is expected to fill 45 to 50 jobs by the end of 2008; a total of 110 jobs will be created within the first three years of the company's opening. The average wage will be around \$16 an hour for plant workers.

Maintenance workers could make \$20 or more an hour.

More than a dozen positions are being advertised, and applications and resumes will be accepted for those jobs during the pre-screening sessions.

Reid-Williamson said the number of people needed per position hasn't been specified. No interviews will be conducted during the pre-screening sessions, but a company representative will be on site, she said.

There will be a display of products the company makes; DVDs will be shown during the sessions so applicants can learn about the type of equipment the company uses.

Applicants can expect to be greeted, register at a reception desk and complete the application packet.

U.S. Corrugated is a privately owned company formed in 2006. The company provides everything from brown boxes - ones used to pack items for moving to packaging for retailers such as Barnes and Noble, Estee Lauder, General Mills and Wal-Mart.

The company has about 1,500 employees, and operates 17 plants and one papermill throughout the country.

The Lancaster facility's opening is on schedule, and construction of the railroad line that will lead into the facility is slated to begin in about two weeks, said Lancaster Economic Development Director Mike Pettit.

"They're starting to pour the floor in the building, and the roof is pretty much on, so it's moving on target," Pettit said.

Pettit said he isn't surprised by the attention the new company's getting.

"For the state of Ohio, this is one of the few manufacturing projects this year that is going on," he said.

"I expect a lot of folks to try to be getting on here."

Because of the large number of job applicants expected to show up, Reid-Williamson hopes the public is patient.

"If it is going to be as large an event as we plan, people may have to wait in line," she said. "We will let 285 people (into the building) at all times."