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100 new jobs this year

WellDyne Pharmacy Firm Gets Rolling

WellDyne provides mail-order pharmacy services for public-private health plans.

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LAKELAND | WellDyne RX is making its official Lakeland debut this week and has plans to hire 100 employees during the course of the year.

The Colorado-based pharmacy services firm recently moved into a 66,000-square-foot facility near the intersection of County Line and Swindell roads.

Officials say they are taking resumes and will participate in an April 23 job fair at the Polk Community College/University of South Florida campus in Lakeland.

"We are having a lot of response. We've probably received over 700 resumes over the course of the last four months," said Susan Cain, WellDyne's chief operating officer. "We'll still have capacity for further growth in 2010."

Beyond this year, WellDyne says it will add 578 jobs to its Lakeland operations by the end of 2010. Positions of need include pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, call center, sales and information technology staff.

WellDyne, which provides mail-order pharmacy services for private and government health plans, says the high-tech Lakeland facility has the capacity to fill 30 million prescriptions each year.

The company also said it invested \$20 million in the leased building.

Cain said the U.S. recession does not pose a current threat to WellDyne's plans for Lakeland and continued growth at the firm's headquarters near Denver.

"At this point we don't expect any impact on our business plan, but we'll continue to watch it closely as the economy continues to change," she said.

WellDyne is only taking resumes and hiring inquiries through an E-mail address, HR@welldynernx.com. Applicants should include a cover letter, E-mail address and current phone number, Cain said.

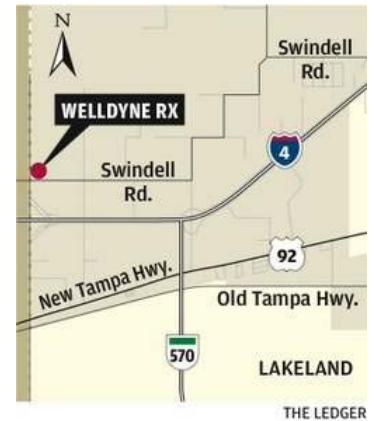
The April 23 job fair sponsored by The Ledger and Monster on April 23 will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lakeland Technology Building at the PCC/USF campus off U.S. 98 South.

WellDyne will also submit hiring information to Polk Works, Cain said.

In other job-related news, Plant City-based GTech Printing is still on schedule to open a Lakeland facility this year on South Frontage Road, but company officials could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

However, "Everything seems to be on track for production to begin in May," said Steve Scruggs, director of the Lakeland Economic Development Council, who recently met with GTech officials.

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