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IA/IL QUAD-CITIES – Looking to leverage your experience and skills with competitive benefits and excellent salary potential? Most people might need to hire an employment agency to find such an extraordinary position, or spent months or even years sending out countless resumes. But according to Teresa Johnston, Communications Director at Vista International Operations, many qualified Quad-City residents will discover exceptional positions at an upcoming Vista Career Fair. "Vista has many positions which may need to be filled very quickly," Johnston said. "We are gearing up to begin work on multiple potential contracts, and may have to fill hundreds of jobs, locally and abroad. It's a very exciting time for both Vista and the Quad-Cities. For many individuals who are unemployed or dissatisfied with their current positions, the Career Fair will provide outstanding opportunities."

The Vista Career Fair will be held 1 to 7 p.m., Thursday, January 31, 2013, at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities, Riverfront 103-104, 3300 River Drive, Moline, IL. Employment opportunity presentations will be held at 2, 4, and 6 p.m. Vista International Operations is a global provider of enterprise-level information technology (IT) services, logistics management, and engineering support services to government and private industry. Vista is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC), which was formed in 1972 as part of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

According to Johnston, available positions with Vista include Call Center Associate, Computer System Support Specialist, Database Administrator, LAN Administrator, System Administrator, Web Developer, Email Administrator, and Application Programmer. The Career Fair will also include positions with Vista Technical Services, another BBNC subsidiary.

High-Paying Positions Here and Abroad.

"Many of the positions will be based locally, while others are overseas positions," Johnston said. "Vista is a global company, with 348 employees worldwide. The average salary is about $64,000." She added that in the last three years, Vista has paid more than $16 million in payroll to Quad-Cities employees.

In addition to Vista's work in the United States, the corporation also performs information technology and logistics on behalf of the U.S. Government overseas. Locations include Kuwait

and Afghanistan and have salaries ranging from $100,000 to $190,000, depending on the position. For stateside opportunities, salaries will range from $45,000 to $95,000, depending on the position and location. Benefits offered by Vista include:

- Medical, dental and vision insurance for employee and dependents
- Cafeteria plan for dependent care/flex accounts/HSA accounts
- Short-/long-term disability, company paid
- 10 paid holidays per year
- Annual leave: Two weeks first year, increases after five years
- Sick leave: One week first year, increases after five years
- $5k spouse, $2k child life insurance, company paid
- Life/accidental death insurance, company paid
- Emergency leave
- Civic leave: Jury duty/voting
- Educational assistance
- 401(k) company match
- Additional profit-sharing plan, contribution to 401K

"At the Career Fair, people will get to meet and talk with the actual hiring Project Managers," said Johnston, "so each attendee will have the chance to meet their potential boss, face to face. We encourage career-minded individuals to come to the event, get to know Vista, and check out the opportunities we have available." For more information on Vista International Operations and the Career Fair, call Teresa Johnston, Communications Director, at 563-823-6657 , or visit www.viops.com .