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### October Employment Fair Helps Place Workers



*Citrus Connection employees on their first day*

**Bartow, Florida, November 9, 2011-** November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 marked an important day for twelve job seekers from Polk County – it was the day they transitioned from job seekers to employees. Citrus Connection hired twelve employees from candidates they met at the October 13<sup>th</sup> *Polk Works* Veteran and Community Employment Fair at the Polk State College Winter Haven Campus.

Debbie Porte, who represented Citrus Connection at the employment fair and was involved in the recent hiring, stated, “We are so pleased with the success we have had with *Polk Works*; with our attendance at the Veterans & Community Employment Fair we were able to find some wonderful quality candidates, and we wish them great success here at Citrus Connection. We look forward to having a long-lasting partnership with *Polk Works* for our future hiring needs.” The event hosted over 77 employers and service providers including CSX Transportation, Coca Cola, GEICO, Edwards Jones, Sun Trust Bank, various branches of the military, Comcar, Florida Highway Patrol, Pinellas Sheriff’s Office, Lowes, and Home Depot, and Citrus Connection.

*Polk Works* President and CEO Stacy Campbell-Domineck is always enthusiastic when Polk County citizens transition from unemployed to employed. She stated, “The dedicated staff of *Polk Works* helped to secure over 500 placements for job seekers in the month of September and saw a drop in unemployment rates. We continue to work closely with employers to find the qualified candidates they are looking for, like the newest Citrus Connection employees.”

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