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## Free Virtual Career Fair to be Held on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to Help Women Get Back to Work – and Drive Job Growth in Massachusetts

## **Event Will Feature Thousands of Openings with Top Employers**

BOSTON, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021—To help women who lost their jobs due to COVID—and those still struggling due to a lack of child care—the Massachusetts Conference for Women has announced a free virtual career fair on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thousands of openings (many of them virtual, flex, and hybrid) will be available with top employers, including State Street; Hologic; Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany; and Takeda Pharmaceuticals.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Time on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, the day before the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Massachusetts Conference for Women. Admission is free, but registration is required. (Register <u>here</u>.)

"It's no secret that women's progress in the workforce has been set back due to COVID and a lack of childcare," said Laurie Dalton White, founder and executive director of the Massachusetts Conference for Women.

"We are hosting this free virtual career fair in collaboration with our partners to help connect women with top employers who recognize the need for virtual, flex, and hybrid positions," she added.

According to a jobs report released on Friday, the number of working women fell in September 2021 for the first time since December 2020. And as <u>Bloomberg</u> News

observed: "The decline was a major driver behind a slowdown in overall job growth in the country."

The Dec. 1st virtual career fair is open to all people seeking employment.

The Massachusetts Conference for Women is part of the <u>Conferences for Women</u>, the largest network of women's conferences in the United States. Its annual conferences in Pennsylvania, California, Massachusetts, and Texas attract more than 50,000 people a year to advance equality for women in the workplace and beyond.

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