

IT Job Fair: Employers look for more workers as their businesses grow

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IT Job Search

“Even in this time of economic uncertainty, the IT industry on PEI is thriving,” says **Kelly Dawson**, President of the **Innovation and Technology Sector Council**.

She was speaking at the third annual IT Job Fair, which was held at the Atlantic Technology Centre in Charlottetown in April. “Fourteen employers and IT representatives recruited for about 80 jobs currently available on PEI,” says Kelly. “This event is a great opportunity for networking and to match IT employers with job seekers.”

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To find out more about the IT industry on PEI, call **Mike Gillis**, Executive Director of the **Innovation and Technology Sector Council**, at **566-3988** or visit www.itsc.ca

To find out more about IT jobs available on PEI, visit www.peijoblink.ca On this website, job seekers can post their résumés and employers can post job openings.

Here is a look at the human resource needs of some of the employers who attended the IT Job Fair:

Cogsdale Corporation

Cogsdale is a Microsoft Gold Certified partner which provides software to local governments and utilities. Most of its business is with organizations in the US.

“We currently have about 12 open positions,” says Denise. Job titles include **Senior Developer, Intermediate Developer, Junior Developer, Senior Consultant, Consultant, Software Quality Analyst (SQA), and Customer Support Analyst**.

“The senior positions require more experience, but some of our open positions are well suited for new graduates,” says Denise. “We are looking for people who have a degree in Business, especially those with a focus on accounting, for **Customer Support and Junior Consultant** positions. Computer science graduates would be suited for positions such as **Software Quality Analyst and Software Developer**.”



Denise Bulger, HR Manager, and Shelley MacLeod, Procurement Specialist

For more information, visit www.cogsdale.com

Bight Games

Bight Games develops interactive games for cell phones. The company began in 2004 and have doubled their number of employees, over the past 12 months, to a total of 22.

They are looking for a **QA Testing Engineer**. “Previously, we have hired junior level applicants for this position and trained them on the job,” says Richard. “Now we would like to find someone with proven testing experience or perhaps a junior Programmer, Artist, or Game Designer who could use this as a stepping stone to eventually move into a senior position.

“We have some great local talent, but it has been a challenge to find enough qualified Canadian staff. Our studio is a multi-national team with people from Canada, the UK, USA, and Mexico.”

For more information, visit www.bightgames.com



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