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## HS2 fair will showcase hundreds of job opportunities

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HS2 construction partner Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) has said there are hundreds of new jobs to fill across the project's supply chain in the West Midlands.

BBV is asking people to step forward and into roles that range from apprenticeships to site-based and office-based roles.

The opportunities will be showcased at the BBV job fair on 17 November.

BBV and its supply chain say they are particulay interested in hearing from people looking to develop new skills or who are out of work – emphasizing that free training opportunities are available.

Head of Stakeholders and Communities at Balfour Beatty VINCI, Shilpi Akbar, said:"As well as finding out about all our latest vacancies, we'll be sharing details of the free training and support available to help candidates to get 'job-ready' for HS2.

"With a ten-year construction programme ahead of us, there's never been a more exciting or rewarding

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time to get onboard and discover what a career in construction can offer."

BBV will be delivering free construction skills training courses from its new Skills Academy in Bordesley Green, and in doing so will provide nationally recognised accreditation. The courses are tailored to meet everyone's needs and cater for those with or without previous industry experience.

Julie Venn-Morton, HS2's Skills Manager for the West Midlands said: "HS2's arrival is spearheading a jobs and skills revolution across the region.

"BBV is not only seeking to recruit local talent, but also investing in delivering training and support packages to provide local people with the skills they need to secure a long and meaningful career in the sector."

Anyone who wants to register for the jobs fair should call the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900 and quote 'Jobs in Construction'.

The event will be held at the Free@last Youth and Community Centre in Nechells, Birmingham. The event starts and 09:30 and closes at 14:00.