Career Discovery is a fun, educational, hands-on experience for 8th grade students from public, private, and home schools from throughout Region 5 (Autauga, Bullock, Chambers, Coosa, Dallas, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Perry, Russell, and Tallapoosa counties). Upon completion of the Expo, students will have other career alternatives to consider when developing their career portfolios.

Southern Union State Community College will serve as the host and principal Central AlabamaWorks partner for Career Discovery 2018. The event will be held at the Southern Union State Community College, Opelika Campus.

Career Discovery 2018 will be held on September 13-14, 2018.

Career clusters will be located at the following Southern Union State Community College facilities:
- Center for Integrated Manufacturing (outdoor apron areas, first floor labs, hallways, and foyer)
- Health Sciences Building
- Business & Technology Center
- Parking Lot A

Over 4,000 students, teachers, counselors, parent chaperones, volunteers, sponsors, partners, and exhibitors are expected to attend Career Discovery 2018.

Regional industries and businesses highlight and create hands-on interactions that link careers to the classroom and provide students an overview of career opportunities available in the area, showcased in 11 career clusters:
- Agriculture
- Architecture and Construction
- Communication and Information Technology
- Education and Training
- Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
- Manufacturing
- Automotive Manufacturing
- Healthcare
- Public Service (Law, Police, Fire, Corrections, Military, etc.)
- Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics
- Energy and Utilities