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Sharon M. Palmer, Commissioner

Diverse Ability Career Fair Event **Is October 29 at Marriott in Waterbury**

WETHERSFIELD, October 20, 2015 – An October 29 *Diverse Ability* career fair, offered from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Courtyard by Marriott in Waterbury, will provide employers with opportunities to learn how Connecticut can help businesses build a diverse workforce, and an afternoon employment fair for jobseekers that will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Presented by the Connecticut Department of Labor and the Department of Rehabilitation Services, partners in this event include the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board and the Connecticut Business Leadership Network.

“We want to connect jobseekers with employers and also help the business community learn more about programs that can assist them in building a diverse workforce to benefit their businesses,” said State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer. “Employers will be able to speak with area experts to explore a variety of programs and resources available to them, and then meet with a broad range of qualified job candidates.”

An afternoon workshop will also be offered for employers entitled, “Making Section 503 Work for You,” presented by Sharon Denson, M.Ed., J.D., Executive Director of the CT Business Leadership Network.

The *Diverse Ability* Career Fair, held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., features area employers ready to meet with prospective employees. Open to jobseekers at no charge, this free event also offers résumé critiques throughout the day, while practice interview sessions will be offered 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Schedule of Events for Jobseekers:

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Résumé Critiques/Practice Interviews

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.: Career Fair/ Résumé Critiques

Schedule of Events for Employers:

11 – 11:30 a.m.: Set-up, networking, vendor tables

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11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.: Buffet lunch/guest speaker
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.: Career Fair
2 p.m.: Workshop – “Making Section 503 Work for You”

Free parking is available in the garage adjacent to the Marriott, while ASL interpreters will be onsite. For additional information about the *Diverse Ability* Career Fair, including a list of career fair exhibitors, directions, and an employer registration form, please visit the Connecticut Department of Labor’s career and job fair site at www.ctjobfairs.com.

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