



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY**

**GOV. MALLOY ANNOUNCES DENNIS MURPHY TO SERVE AS ACTING  
LABOR COMMISSIONER**

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Dannel P. Malloy today announced that Dennis Murphy, who currently serves as Deputy Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Labor (CTDOL), will serve in the position of Acting Commissioner beginning Friday, January 1, 2016, while the Governor conducts a search for a permanent Commissioner. As [was announced in the fall](#), Sharon M. Palmer, who has served as the agency’s Commissioner since August 2012, is retiring at the end of this year.

“Sharon has had an unwavering dedication and service for the people of our state, and has been a true ally for Connecticut’s workforce. Her tenure at the Department of Labor is marked by stronger jobs initiatives, robust workforce training programs, and a renewed confidence in Connecticut’s growing economy. We all wish her the best in her retirement,” Governor Malloy said. “I’ve known and worked with Dennis for many years – he is an outstanding public servant. I want to thank him for taking on critical role.”

Prior to joining at CTDOL in January 2011, Murphy served as a Neutral Labor Arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association, and was also Director of Human Resources for the City of Stamford. He has also served as Director of Labor Relations and Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Bridgeport. With more than 30 years of experience in the labor employment field, he has represented both unions and management, including the National Association of Government Employees and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers. He is a graduate of Fairfield University and Boston University School of Law.

Governor Malloy intends to announce a successor to serve as Labor Commissioner in the new year.

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