



## Connecticut Department of Labor Announces Spring Career Fair Series

WETHERSFIELD, February 20, 2015 – It may seem a bit early to start thinking about spring, what with all the snow we’ve been having lately. But despite the weather, planning for the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Spring Career Fair series is in full swing, with events scheduled to begin in March.

“This is our agency’s 19<sup>th</sup> year of sponsoring career fairs and matching employers with potential employees,” explains State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer. “Our Connecticut Career fair series traditionally attracts thousands of jobseekers and hundreds of businesses each year, with each event offering excellent opportunities for companies to meet qualified, job-ready candidates who have technical, administrative, managerial or production backgrounds.”

Certified Professional Résumé Writers from the Labor Department will also be at the career fairs to review and critique résumés and offer employment tips and suggestions. Additionally, a series of information sessions facilitated by Labor Department employees will provide an overview of services and free workshops offered at the agency’s *American Job Center* offices, including re-employment strategies and job search techniques, computer skills and hiring incentive programs such as Connecticut’s Subsidized Training and Employment Program (Step Up), which provides wage and training subsidies to employers hiring an unemployed jobseeker.

Jobseekers are advised to bring plenty of résumés and schedule enough time to meet with every company representative they have identified as a potential employer. Upcoming career fairs on the spring calendar, which includes two events geared toward veterans, will be held at the following locations:

**Danbury Career Fair:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 6 – Ethan Allen Hotel, 21 Lake Avenue Extension, Danbury (hotel ballroom). Event is co-sponsored by Townsquare Media, the Danbury Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Danbury.

**MCC Regional Job Fair:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 20 – Manchester Community College Gymnasium, 60 Bidwell Street, Manchester. Event is co-sponsored by Manchester Community College.

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**Heroes 4 Hire (geared for veterans):** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 14 – Rentschler Field Ballroom, East Hartford.

**Diverseability Career Fair:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 28 – Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill.

**Danbury Veterans' Career Fair:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 1 – Ethan Allen Hotel, 21 Lake Avenue Extension, Danbury.

**Middlesex County Career Fair:** 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., June 23 – Crowne Plaza Hotel, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell.

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