



Diverse Ability Career Fair Event **Is April 28 at Rocky Hill's Sheraton Hotel**

WETHERSFIELD, April 13, 2015 – A *Diverse Ability* breakfast and career fair, geared to provide employers with opportunities to learn what Connecticut offers to help businesses build a diverse workforce that can help boost their bottom line, will be held 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 28 at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill. The event will include information on recruitment and training support, hiring incentives and reasonable accommodations.

“We want to help employers learn more about programs that can help them build a diverse workforce that can benefit their business,” said State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer. Attendees will be able to visit a variety of exhibitor booths, meet with a broad range of qualified job candidates, explore available resources, and learn about specific responsibilities under Section 503 associated with the services that serve the disability community.”

The event begins at 8 a.m. with breakfast and networking, and will kick-off with speaker Betty DaCruz of DACRUZ MANUFACTURING in Bristol, who will discuss her company’s positive experiences when utilizing available programs and services. The morning session will also feature Jonathan Slifka, Governor Dannel P. Malloy’s liaison to the disability community; Connecticut Department of Labor Deputy Commissioner Dennis C. Murphy; Department of Rehabilitation Services Commissioner Amy Porter; Sharon Denson of the Connecticut Business Leadership Network, and Valeriy Novokhatskyy, of Walgreens Distribution Center.

Following the morning speakers, a *Diverse Ability Career Fair* will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring more than 35 employers ready to meet with prospective employees.

Those collaborating with the Labor Department to hold the event include Capital Workforce Partners, the Connecticut Business Leadership Network, the Department of Rehabilitation Services, the Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

For additional information about the *Diverse Ability Career Fair*, including the list of Career Fair exhibitors, directions, and employer registration form, please visit the Connecticut Department of Labor’s career and job fair site at www.ctjobfairs.com.

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