



## **Step Up Conference in Hampton on September 22 Designed to Help Employers Benefit Their Business**

WETHERSFIELD, August 27, 2015 – Hampton-area employers interested in learning more about the state’s Subsidized Training and Employment Program (Step Up) as well as other available employer incentives and opportunities are invited to a September 22 conference being held at EASTCONN, located at 376 Hartford Turnpike. The free event takes place in the Cedar and Chestnut conference rooms.

Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. for the 8 to 10:30 a.m. conference, which is being hosted by First Selectman Allan Cahill, State Sen. Tony Guglielmo and State Representatives Mike Alberts and Doug Dubitsky. It is also sponsored by Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, the Connecticut Department of Labor, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the state’s Workforce Investment Boards and a variety of organizations and community partners.

“This free informational conference, being held in the eastern part of the state, is our way of reaching out to employers in this area who want to learn more about the many programs that can help expand their business,” said State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer. “Opportunities and benefits available to the business community – including funds for manufacturing apprenticeships, grants to train your current workforce, low interest financing under the Small Business Express Program, guidelines about the new health care requirements, wage reimbursements and training grants for hiring new employees, and job expansion tax credits – are all offered by the state and designed to benefit your business.”

Additional conferences scheduled in September are being held in local communities. Those unable to attend the Hampton event are welcome to pre-register for any of these Step Up events:

September 10 in Middletown (Middlesex Community College)  
September 15 in New Haven (Gateway Community College)  
September 17 in New Milford (United Bank Building)  
September 24 in Bridgeport (Housatonic Community College)

Those planning to attend are asked to pre-register online by September 21 by visiting the Step Up website at [www.StepCT.com](http://www.StepCT.com), while questions or requests can be directed to Eleanor Lennon at [eleanor.lennon@ct.gov](mailto:eleanor.lennon@ct.gov) or (860) 263-6731.

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