



Labor Department Services Highlighted at August 27 Veterans' Public Forum at CCSU

WETHERSFIELD, August 19, 2015 – Employees from the Connecticut Department of Labor's Office for Veterans' Workforce Development will showcase the agency's many services, assist former military personnel, and provide outreach referrals to visitors during an August 27 Veterans' Public Forum taking place at Central Connecticut State University.

The informational forum, the first-ever of its kind, will be held in CCSU's Welte Hall, located at 1615 Stanley Street. It will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Veterans of all ages and their families are welcome to attend this free event and no registration is required.

"A variety of services are available to our veterans and their families, and it is a privilege to work with the brave men and women who have protected us in the past and now are looking to us for help," said Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer. "Employment, education and health opportunities are just some of the services available to our veterans, and this forum is an excellent way to reach those who have developed valuable skills that can benefit our state."

"Our state continues to lead the way with its services and support programs for veterans who call it home," said Department of Veterans' Affairs Commissioner Sean Connolly. "Connecticut has some of the greatest people, organizations and departments who share the mission to take care of one of our best resources; our veterans and this open forum is a tremendous opportunity for them to connect and distinguish the benefits and services they've earned."

"Connecticut veterans have made tremendous sacrifices in their service to the state and the nation. This event is one way we can show our support for them – and help state employers find new talent," said Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman. "Over the past four years, DOL programs have placed nearly 3,500 veterans in jobs throughout our state. Employers know veterans bring great leadership skills and drive to any organization, but connecting the right employer with the right veteran is key. I applaud Commissioner Palmer and the many people who have made these programs so successful."

The Labor Department is one of a number of service providers taking place in the event, which will also feature representatives from the U.S. and Connecticut Departments of Veterans' Affairs, the Connecticut Office of Higher Education, the Connecticut National Guard, the U.S. Small Business Administration and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

"Labor Department staff will be on hand throughout the event to help attendees with job searches, and can answer employment-related questions, conduct résumé critiques and provide related workforce service ," explains Terry Brennan, director of the agency's OVWD unit.

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