

# September 15 Step Up Conference in New Haven Geared to Help Employers Benefit their Business

WETHERSFIELD, August 19, 2015 – New Haven-area employers interested in learning more about the state’s Subsidized Training and Employment Program (Step Up) as well as other incentives and opportunities available to help grow their business are invited to a free September 15 conference being held at Gateway Community College, located at 20 Church Street.

Registration and a continental breakfast begins at 7 a.m. for the 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. conference, which is being hosted by Mayor Toni Harp, State Sen. Martin Looney, State Sen. Gary Winfield, State Rep. Juan Candelaria, State Rep. Pat Dillon, State Rep. Roland Lemar, State Rep. Robyn Porter and State Rep. Toni Walker. It is also sponsored by Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Secretary of State Denise Merrill, the Connecticut Department of Labor, Department of Economic and Community Development, the state’s Workforce Investment Boards and a number of community partners.

“We are inviting every New Haven-area employer to join us for this free informational conference,” explains State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer. “Opportunities and benefits available to your business – including wage reimbursements and training grants for hiring new employees, funds for manufacturing apprenticeships, grants to train your current workforce, low interest financing under the Small Business Express Program, and tax incentives for equipment upgrades, job creation and energy savings – are all offered by the state and are designed to benefit your business.”

Three additional conferences are scheduled this fall. The United Bank Building in New Milford will be the site of a September 17 event while EASTCONN in Hampton will host a September 22 event. A final conference is September 24 at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport.

Attendees are asked to pre-register for the free event by visiting [www.StepCT.com](http://www.StepCT.com), while anyone with questions about the New Haven Step Up conference can contact Kevin Massicotte by email at [Kevin.Massicotte@ct.gov](mailto:Kevin.Massicotte@ct.gov) or calling (860) 263-6739.

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