Groton Resident Judi Luther Receives Award of Excellence from National Workforce Agency

WETHERSFIELD, April 8, 2016 – Connecticut Department of Labor employee Judi Luther has been named recipient of the Award of Excellence presented by the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA). The award, presented by the Unemployment Insurance Interstate Benefits Subcommittee, is the first award of its type to be presented.

Luther, a resident of Groton, is a 28-year employee of the agency and currently serves as operations coordinator with the Labor Department’s unemployment insurance (UI) claims exam unit. Luther, who has been involved with NASWA and its initiatives since 2008, specializes in best practices related to the processing and payment of UI interstate benefits.

“Judi has been a main point of connectivity for state staff across the country,” noted Scott B. Sanders, NASWA Executive Director, adding that she has worked with the interstate benefits federal programs for more than 23 years and serves as the co-chair of the subcommittee’s technology workgroup.

The award was presented during NASWA’s national training session held in Tucson, Arizona. Agencies had opportunities to share information and learn about new methods about exchanging information among states to support unemployment insurance claims and workforce objectives. The UI Interstate Benefits Subcommittee is charged with national oversight for all state UI agreements and interstate benefits procedures.

“Administration of the unemployment insurance program is often a thankless job, but it is critical to ensure the benefits are going to those who truly need it,” Sanders notes. “Thanks to Judi, this work is being done with a passion to serve others.”

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