



CTDOL's Fall Career Fair Series Includes Diverse Ability Events, Chamber Partnership

WETHERSFIELD, September 14, 2017 – The Connecticut Department of Labor's fall career fair series includes five *Diverse Ability* Career Fairs in partnership with the CT State Colleges and Universities, and an October 11 Middlesex County Career Fair that will be held in conjunction with the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce 2017 Business Showcase.

"Our agency is marking a special anniversary this fall – our 20th year of offering career fairs and providing employment and recruitment services to Connecticut jobseekers and employers," said State Labor Commissioner Scott D. Jackson. "Our career fairs have attracted thousands of jobseekers and hundreds of businesses – and many have made successful employment connections. This year's schedule includes a series of Diverse Ability Career Fairs designed to help businesses build a more diverse workforce and also take advantage of the talent and expertise persons with a disability can bring to the job."

Career Fair dates, hours and locations:

- **October 6 Diverse Ability Career Fair:**
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Naugatuck Valley Community College, 750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury
- **October 11 Middlesex County Career Fair:**
11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel Cromwell, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell
- **October 13 Diverse Ability Career Fair**
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Northwestern CT Community College, Park Place, Winsted
- **October 20 Diverse Ability Career Fair**
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Three Rivers Community College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich
- **October 27 Diverse Ability Career Fair:**
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Manchester Community College, Great Path, Manchester
- **October 31 Diverse Ability Career Fair:**
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Gateway Community College, 20 Church Street, New Haven

There is no cost to jobseekers attending the events and parking is convenient and free. Labor Department employees will be on hand throughout the day to provide information about finding a new job, changing careers or using services at the local *American Job Centers*.

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Registration fee for companies attending the Middlesex County Career Fair is \$300 (\$25 additional charge if an electrical outlet is needed), while registration fee for each *Diverse Ability* Career fair is \$225. Employer registration includes an exhibit table at the event, program guide listing, radio, newspaper and Internet/social media advertising, and advertisements at the *American Job Centers* employment offices, veterans' centers, local libraries, and community organizations.

Companies interested in taking part in one, or several fairs can visit the Connecticut Department of Labor's career website at www.ctjobfairs.com, while jobseekers can also visit the site for interview tips, directions to the career fairs, lists of a participating employers and recruitment events at their local *American Job Center*.

Workforce partners assisting with the *Diverse Ability* Career Fairs include the Department of Rehabilitation Services, the Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities, the state's Workforce Development Boards and the CT Business Leadership Network.

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