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Labor Department Highlights Employment Services During November Career Development Month

WETHERSFIELD, October 29, 2014 – Connecticut Department of Labor employees are inviting residents to stop by and take advantage of employment services they have to offer – whether in person or online – during November, which has been officially designated as “Career Development Month.”

Taking note of the proclamation signed by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy marking November as Career Month, State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer reminds everyone that the agency is part of the *American Job Center* network throughout the state where individuals can obtain services such as career counseling, résumé writing assistance, skills assessment and job search tips. The centers also offer a variety of workshops ranging from successful interview tactics to computer skills.

“Whether a person is seeking a new job, looking for a better position or thinking about making a career change, our services are available to anyone visiting an *American Job Center*,” Palmer says. She added that individuals and businesses can also find a number of employment tools by visiting the Labor Department’s website at www.ct.gov/dol.

“A robust and highly skilled workforce is essential for the kind of competitiveness required to keep Connecticut a leader in cutting edge economic innovation and growth,” Governor Malloy notes in the Proclamation. “Experts agree that the ongoing process of career development is essential for all individuals to maximize their personal potential, as well as for the continued health of our economy.”

The proclamation notes that Connecticut is fortunate to have a variety of agencies and organizations dedicated to the field of career development. In addition to the Department of Labor, agencies ready to help the state’s workforce include Community Technical Colleges and the Connecticut departments of Economic and Community Development, Education and Higher Education.

“Connecticut Department of Labor employees want every resident and business in our state to know that we are here to assist them,” Palmer said. “Whether you are a newcomer to the job market or a seasoned employee already working in your field of choice, we are here to lend a helping hand. The majority of our services are offered at no cost, including recruitment events, job fairs and labor market statistics, as well as programs for employers such as tax credits, incentive programs and recruitment assistance.”

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November employment workshops offered at the state's *American Job Centers* include:

- Bridgeport: *Résumé Basics* on November 4 and *Job Search Strategies* on November 18.
- Hamden: *Linked In* on November 12 and *Internet Job Search* on November 19.
- Hartford: *Interviewing Techniques* on November 6 and *Energized and Positive* on November 18.
- New Britain: *Mock Interview* on November 7 and *Career Transitions* on November 24.
- Waterbury: *Cover Letters* on November 12 and *Pre-Manufacturing Certification Orientation* on November 20.

Details on these workshops and others can be found at www.ctdol.state.ct.us/ctworks/cldrloc.htm.
American Job Centers can be found at the following locations:

Bridgeport: 2 Lafayette Square; **Danbury:** 4 Liberty Street; **Danielson:** 95 Westcott Road; **Enfield:** 786 Enfield Street; **Hamden:** 37 Marne Street; **Hartford:** 3580 Main Street; **Meriden:** 85 West Main Street; **New Britain:** 260 Lafayette Street; **New London:** Shaw's Cove Six; **Norwich:** 113 Salem Turnpike, Suite 200; **Torrington:** 685 Main Street; **Waterbury:** 249 Thomaston Avenue, and **Willimantic:** 1320 Main Street, Tyler Square. Satellite offices are located at: 33 Elizabeth Street, **Derby;** 893 Main Street, **Manchester;** and 141 Franklin Street, **Stamford.**

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