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Connecticut Learns and Works Conference Marks 20th Anniversary May 16 at Water's Edge *Annual event geared for educators, workforce professionals*

WETHERSFIELD, March 28, 2014 – *Connecticut Learns and Works*, an annual conference for educators, counselors, employment and training specialists and business people interested in career and workforce development, will hold its 20th event on May 16 at the Water's Edge Conference Center in Westbrook. Running from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the event will feature as keynote speakers, students from the Academy of Engineering and Green Technology (AoEGT) at Hartford High School. The eight young people will discuss a wind/solar system which they designed and is currently bringing power to a remote village located high in the Himalayan Mountains.

Aimed at educators, counselors, employment and training specialists and business people interested in career and workforce development issues, this *year's Connecticut Learns and Works* conference, titled "Imagine More: Energizing, Learning & Working," is sponsored by the Connecticut Departments of Labor, Education and Economic and Community Development, the Connecticut Community College System, the Connecticut Career Resource Network, the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities and the *Connecticut Learns and Works* Committee.

The conference will feature a series of morning and afternoon workshops including: Advanced Manufacturing/Post-Secondary Institutions; Building Bridges – Manufacturers and Teachers Working Together to Prepare Students for Careers in STEM; Opportunities in Healthcare; LMI: Economic Update; Maximizing & Managing Your Brand; Middlesex Community College Center for New Media; New Haven Manufacturers/Teachers Learn College; and What Employers are Looking For in Today's Workplace.

Information regarding registration, which is \$95, and other details, including potential conference sponsorships, can be found at www.ctlearnsandworks.com.

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