



Employers Invited to Step Up Event on May 29 In Westport; Additional June Conferences Planned

WETHERSFIELD, May 9, 2014 – Southwest Connecticut employers are invited to learn more about the Subsidized Training and Employment and Training Program (Step Up) as well as a variety of other hiring and tax incentives designed to benefit their businesses by attending a May 29 conference being held in the Westport Inn Ballroom.

“We’re inviting every employer in Southwest Connecticut to join us for this free conference,” explains State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer. “Companies of any size can learn about the opportunities and benefits available to their business, including the wage reimbursement program through Step Up, low interest financing under the Small Business Express Program, assistance on recruitment and business plan development, and tax incentives for equipment upgrades and job creation initiatives.”

Taking place from 8 to 10:30 a.m., the event, begins with networking and light refreshments at 7 a.m. Employers can pre-register online for the conference by visiting www.StepCT.com or more information can be obtained from Dolores Ryan, Bridgeport *American Job Center* by contacting her at dolores.ryan@ct.gov or (203) 455-2602.

Additional conferences, also to be held from 8 to 10:30 a.m., will be offered on the following dates:

- Thursday, May 29 The Westport Inn Ballroom, 1595 Post Road East, Westport
- Tuesday, June 3 Double Tree By Hilton Bristol, The Oaks Ballroom, 42 Century Drive, Bristol
- Thursday, June 5 Western Connecticut State University, Westside Campus Center Ballroom, 43 Avenue Extension, Danbury
- Wednesday, June 11 Goodwin College, Main Campus Auditorium, 1 Riverside Drive, East Hartford
- Thursday, June 12 University of Connecticut, Torrington Campus Auditorium, 855 University Drive, Torrington
- Thursday, June 19 Simsbury High School Auditorium, 34 Farms Village Road, Simsbury
- Tuesday, June 24 Three Rivers Community College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich

Hosted by area legislators, sponsors include: Governor Dannel Malloy, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Secretary of State Denise Merrill, the Connecticut Department of Labor, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, the state’s Workforce Investment Boards, the Department of Administrative Services and other community partners. Area legislators hosting the event, include State Senator Bob Duff (25th Dist.), State Representative Jonathan Steinberg (136th Assembly Dist.), and State Representative Lawrence Cafero (142 Dist.).

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