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Employers: Still Time to Register For the Bristol June 3 Step Up Conference

WETHERSFIELD, May 30, 2014 – There is still time for employers to register for the free Step Up conference to be held Tuesday, June 3 in The Oaks Ballroom of the Double Tree by Hilton Bristol, located at 42 Century Drive, Bristol.

During registration, which begins at 7 a.m., employers can visit information booths, network and enjoy a continental breakfast. The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Conference topics include incentives such as a six-month wage subsidy and training grants under the Subsidized Training and Employment (Step Up) program, low-interest financing through the Small Business Express Program, job expansion tax credits, guidelines for becoming a State of Connecticut vendor, and tax incentives for equipment purchases. Free assistance for business planning, market analysis services and website design will also be featured.

“We are pleased to bring together in one place information about many of the state’s innovative resources available to Connecticut employers,” said State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer. “As a result of incentives through the Step Up program, more than 600 companies have hired nearly 2,500 unemployed jobseekers. This program, as well as others offered through state agencies and organizations, assists employers with expanding their companies, helps put people back to work, and ultimately benefits our economy.”

In addition to informational presentations, program representatives will answer questions and determine how employers can optimize the various services offered to Connecticut businesses.

The Step Up conference is being hosted by area legislators, including State Sen. Jason C. Welch, State Rep. Christopher A. Wright, and State Rep. Frank N. Nicastro. Sponsors include Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman, Secretary of State Denise Merrill, the Connecticut Department of Labor, the state’s Workforce Investment Boards, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, and a number of community partners and organizations.

To pre-register or for a list of additional Step Up conferences being offered in June, please visit the Labor Department’s Step Up website at www.StepCT.com. For questions about the Bristol Step Up conference please contact Janice Albert at Janice.Albert@ct.gov or (860) 827-6207.

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