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Sharon M. Palmer, Commissioner

# Still Time To Register for the Employer Step Up Conference in Danbury

WETHERSFIELD, June 3, 2014 – There is still time for Danbury-area employers to register for the free Step Up conference to be held Thursday, June 5 at Western Connecticut State University’s Westside Campus Center Ballroom, located at 43 Lake Avenue Extension, Danbury.

During registration, which begins at 7 a.m., a continental breakfast will be served and employers can visit information booths and network with other attendees. 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, tax incentives for equipment purchases. Assistance for business planning, market analysis services and website design will also be featured.

“The Labor Department is pleased to work in partnership with so many outstanding individuals, organizations and agencies to offer this information-packed event to employers in the Danbury area,” said State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer. “We hope the Danbury conference will provide assistance to employers who want to expand their companies, help put people back to work, and ultimately benefit their business.”

In addition to presentations, program representatives will be there to answer questions and determine how employers can optimize services offered to Connecticut small businesses.

Area legislators hosting the conference include State Rep. Bob Godfrey and State Rep. Janice Giegler. 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.

Please visit the Labor Department’s Step Up website at [www.StepCT.com](http://www.StepCT.com) to pre-register for the Danbury event or contact Michelle L. Caffé at [Michelle.Caffe@ct.gov](mailto:Michelle.Caffe@ct.gov) or (860) 437-3308.

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Additional Step Up conferences are planned for the following locations:

- **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
- **Thursday, June 26**  
Four Points by Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden

Individuals with questions or seeking additional details can reach the following Labor Department contacts:

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