



Labor Department Awarded Nearly \$1 Million Federal Grant to Integrate, Bring New Technology to Workforce Services

WETHERSFIELD, September 29, 2016 – State Labor Commissioner Scott D. Jackson today announced that the USDOL has awarded the Connecticut Department of Labor \$924,509 to improve technology for existing workforce services and programs. The National Dislocated Worker Grant will help unemployed residents, jobseekers and employers better connect to workforce services through upgrades to a variety of systems, including development of a mobile-friendly platform for accessing the agency’s website.

“This award will help the Department of Labor in its continuing efforts to develop a thoroughly integrated workforce system that can provide real-time data to better meet the needs of today’s jobseekers and employers,” said Governor Dannel P. Malloy. “While the tools and data systems in place provide valuable assistance to individuals and the business community, often they do not offer technology options that fit current needs. By offering more choices for accessing workforce services, we can better help employers find the skilled workers they need and get jobseekers back to work more quickly.”

“Being able to make additional investments in technology allows us to continue breaking down the silos that can often hinder an effective job search,” said State Labor Commissioner Scott D. Jackson. “This grant will play an important role in allowing us to modernize our systems and better connect the services that help get people back to work, assist employers in recruiting workers, and ultimately strengthen our communities.”

The Reemployment & Systems Integration National Dislocated Worker Grant is based on advancing more integrated and comprehensive dislocated worker services that are being implemented under the federal [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#). As a result, the funds will also be used to streamline website content and functions, re-design portions of the website to support a mobile-friendly platform, and purchase tablets that allow DOL staff to provide onsite technology to jobseekers needing workforce services.

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