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# May 3<sup>rd</sup> *Business CT 2017* Conference: Education And Workforce Partnerships; Strategies for Success

WETHERSFIELD, April 20, 2017 – Available education, employment and workforce development services, and how to successfully use them, will be explored at the 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 3 *Business CT 2017* conference sponsored the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission (CETC) and Connecticut Department of Labor (DOL).

The conference offers morning presentations and employer panels, including a session featuring several companies sharing successful public-private partnership strategies. Afternoon workshop speakers will include Arlene Lugo, Program Director of Connecticut Tech Act Project, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services; Resa Spaziani, Director of the Labor Department's Division of Wage and Workplace Standards; Susan Pierson, State Adult Education Director with the Department of Education; and Glen Duhl, Principal Attorney with Zangari, Cuthbertson, Duhl and Grello, P.C.

"*Business CT 2017* provides excellent opportunities to hear from business leaders, education experts and workforce development professionals who can provide insight into the ways programs in this state can help grow employers, employees, and the economy," said State Labor Commissioner Scott D. Jackson. "Attendees can also network with business associations, state agencies, non-profits, and human resources – all with an interest in further developing our state's workforce."

"Connecting with the appropriate services and having a full understanding of the employer-related programs in our state is key to a successful business, a stronger economy, and a workforce that can meet today's challenges," said JoAnn Ryan, CETC member/conference co-chair and Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce President & CEO. "Businesses need every tool available to prosper, and in one day, *Business CT 2017* offers information that could take months or even years for employers to discover."

"This conference offers opportunities to hear from employers that have used a successful combination of educational programs and employment and training services to grow a business and its employees," said Stuart Rosenberg, CETC member/conference co-chair and Johnson Memorial Hospital President. "In addition, workshops providing a thorough understanding of state law and best practices will give employers additional expertise in managing workflow and bringing innovation to the workplace. "

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According to Kathleen Marioni, Executive Director of DOL's Office of Workforce Competitiveness, the morning session will include an overview of incentives, services available from agencies and public organizations. Following an economic overview from Patrick Flaherty, Assistant Director with DOL's Office of Research and Information, the afternoon will offer a variety of workshops geared for educators, employers and human resource professionals, including:

- Employment Law Basics
- Adult Education at Work
- Disability Inclusion in the Workplace
- Top 10 Issues of Wage and Hour Law
- Family Medical Leave Act and Paid Sick Leave
- Effective Participation in the Unemployment Compensation Process

The \$75 registration includes breakfast, lunch, and conference materials. Online registration and conference agenda can be found at [www.businessct.com](http://www.businessct.com). The Farmington Marriott is located at 15 Spring Farm Springs Road, Farmington, CT 06032.

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