



Students Invited to Attend 8th Annual *College 2 Career Expo* Nov. 9 at Enfield Holiday Inn

WETHERSFIELD, Oct. 21, 2011 – With approximately 120,000 students attending a Connecticut or Massachusetts college or university, the 8th annual *College 2 Career Expo* being held Nov. 9 at the Enfield Holiday Inn is a must-attend event for those close to earning a degree, preparing to enter the world of work, or seeking Information on co-ops and internships.

Sponsored by the Hartford Springfield Economic Partnership, the Connecticut Department of Labor, Connecticut Light and Power, and local colleges and universities, the event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and more than 50 companies and organizations are expected to be in attendance.

“The Hartford-Springfield corridor is a unique geographical area offering many opportunities to young people,” explains State Labor Commissioner Glenn Marshall. “It is home to more than 40,000 companies employing more than 750,000 individuals, and boasts one of the highest concentrations of professional and technical workers in the country.”

Students can also receive career advice from Connecticut Department of Labor staff, including current job market trends and “hot jobs” of the future. Professional résumé writers from the agency will be on site throughout the day to review and critiques résumés, and provide tips to help ensure they effectively showcase skills and accomplishments.

“The goal of the Expo is to connect students with job opportunities, internships and co-ops, and this event provides an excellent forum for attendees to talk one-on-one with representatives from a number of well-known companies and organizations, and to fine-tune their resumes,” Marshall added.

Companies participating in this year’s *College 2 Career Expo* include Beacon Industries, CIGNA, Fastenal Company, the Massachusetts School of Law, Pratt & Whitney, The Hartford Financial Service Group, TicketNetwork and Verizon Wireless.

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Admission is free for students. Directions to the Enfield Holiday Inn as well as a complete listing of all attending employers can be found on the Connecticut Department of Labor's Web site at www.ct.gov/dol or at www.collegecareerexpo.com. This year, students visiting the *collegcareerexpo* Web site can enter a drawing for an Apple iPad2 being donated by Northeast Utilities.

The Hartford Springfield Economic Partnership is an interstate collaboration of economic development, workforce, business and educational institutions that work together to advance the region's economic progress. The region comprises the Hartford and Springfield metropolitan areas and the partnership markets the region as "New England's Knowledge Corridor," emphasizing the area's rich history of innovation, invention and world-class business and educational assets.

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