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Glenn Marshall, Commissioner



Governor Malloy Challenges Employment Commission to Bring Innovation to Job Strategies

Governor Dannel P. Malloy is scheduled to open the September 20 meeting of the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission (CETC). The Governor plans to address the workforce development group regarding the challenges and the opportunities the state faces in adding jobs in a struggling economy. The 9 to 11 a.m. meeting will be held at the UConn Medical Facility in Farmington. The Governor will make opening remarks at 9 a.m.

The CETC, Connecticut's workforce development policy body, is comprised of members appointed by the Governor who represent business and industry, state and local governments, organized labor, education and community-based organizations.

"I've spent the past few months on my Jobs Tour talking to people across the state about what we need to do to grow new jobs and keep the ones we have. I see the commission as an innovative catalyst for dynamic workforce ideas and strategies and I look forward to working with them," noted Governor Malloy. "We must identify best practices, expand upon training programs that have helped people find new jobs, and make the connection between workforce development and economic development."

It is the CETC's responsibility to develop effective policies for Connecticut's statewide workforce system, with the goal of reducing duplication of workforce services, promoting consistency in services, and promoting partnerships to ensure a fully integrated workforce program that meets the needs of job seekers and the business community. The Commission works directly with the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, which is part of the Connecticut Department of Labor and the Governor's principal workforce development policy advisor.

At the meeting Donald Shubert, president of the Connecticut Construction Industry Association, will be introduced as the new chair of the Commission. Shubert succeeds Wally Barnes, who will be recognized at the meeting for his many years of dedicated service to the CETC and the state's workforce.

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“With an unemployment rate that is hovering at nine percent, the Commission needs to focus on development of an effective talent pipeline,” Shubert noted. “To support this pipeline, we must identify the specific training needed to fill in-demand jobs – from advanced manufacturing to health care and green job technologies – employment opportunities that show promise in terms of future growth.”

When:

9-11 a.m. Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Where:

University of Connecticut Health Center
Academic Research Building, Room EG013
263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT

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