



## PA ECONOMY CONTINUES TO HEAT UP: FUTURE GROWTH IN ENERGY

Pennsylvania's economy continued to grow in October by adding 4,300 jobs to post an all-time high job count<sup>1</sup> of 5,811,100. Pennsylvania's unemployment rate<sup>2</sup> remained steady at 4.5 percent in October, marking the 48<sup>th</sup> month out of the past 58 that Pennsylvania's rate has been at or below the nation's rate, and the ninth consecutive month the state's unemployment rate has been below the nation's. "Pennsylvania's economy is performing very well right now, showing job growth in 19 out of the past 22 months," Governor Rendell said. "This is great news for the men and women of Pennsylvania's workforce who benefit from the new job opportunities being created through strategic investments in our businesses and industries.

"That is why it is so important for Pennsylvania to ensure its economic health for the future by reducing our dependence on foreign fuels and investing in alternative and renewable energy sources right here at home."

Governor Rendell further underscored the importance of alternative and renewable energy investments with his announcement this week of \$5.4 million in grants through the state's Energy Harvest program to support 28 innovative projects that will generate clean energy, reduce pollution, and conserve natural resources. The grants will leverage nearly \$14 million in private investment and create or retain more than 100 jobs.

"Pennsylvania is a top destination for alternative and renewable energy projects today," Governor Rendell said. "However, the commonwealth is missing out on thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic development activity because we lack the resources to compete with other states."

That is a point that the Governor stressed when he met with representatives of more than 40 businesses from various industries to discuss the importance of alternative and renewable energy, and how the Energy Independence Strategy will help to strengthen Pennsylvania's position moving

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### What's going on This Week.....

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#### **"Healthcare Career Training Opportunities"**

Presented by Monroe County  
Training Providers

Tue, November 27th 9am-12 noon

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#### **"Computerized O'Net Assessments"**

Presented by Ken O.

Mon, November 26th 9:00-10:30am

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#### **"Convert CWDS to Micro Soft Word"**

Presented by Ken O.

Wed, November 28th, 2:00-4:00 pm

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#### **"Employer Website Assistance"**

Presented by Don L.

Fri, November 30th, 3:00-4:00 pm



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forward.

“I believe clean energy will be to our future economy what information technology and life sciences have been over the past two decades,” said Governor Rendell. “Others are stepping up to compete with us, so Pennsylvania cannot fall behind. Establishing our state as a leader in clean energy production will create opportunities for our hardworking men and women.”

Designed to target \$850 million in new investments to this industry, the Energy Independence Fund — part of the Governor’s strategy — will attract \$3.5 billion in new economic activity to Pennsylvania and create 13,000 new jobs.

“The time to act is now,” the Governor said. “Rising energy prices and our growing dependence of foreign oil are real threats. I’m calling on the General Assembly to act on the Energy Independence Strategy before both houses recess for the winter.”

For more information on the Energy Harvest program and the Energy Independence Strategy, visit [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) and click on the “Fueling Energy Savings” icon.

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## PA Earns National Recognition



Governor Edward G. Rendell announced that a Department of Labor & Industry official has been named this year’s recipient of the National Network of Sector Partners Trailblazer Award.

The award, which went to **L&I Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development Sandi Vito**, recognizes achievement in expanding career employment opportunities while meeting businesses’ workforce needs. The honor was announced at the network’s national conference in Denver.

“It’s crucial that Pennsylvania has a workforce development system that leads citizens to family-sustaining employment and helps employers hire people with the skills they need to succeed,” Governor Rendell said. “I’m very pleased to see Sandi recognized for the good work she’s done and for her leadership in helping position Pennsylvania as a national workforce development leader.”

Selected by her peers from around the nation, Vito is the first policy leader to receive the Trailblazer Award.

“I am honored to accept this award on behalf of Governor Rendell and the talented professionals who have made our successes possible,” Vito said. “Our public and private partners, the terrific members of the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board, the local workforce investment boards, the PA CareerLink network, and educators throughout Pennsylvania are all helping to position the commonwealth as a national workforce development leader.”

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## SEASONAL HAPPENINGS



**Earlier this month**, the **Pa CareerLink Monroe County** was jumping with the happenings of Healthcare Careers Week activities. These included the Healthcare Employer Symposium in our office and the presentation of the Healthcare Career Essay winner, **Leslie Mason**, a student at the Monroe Career & Technical Institute.

**The monthly staff meeting**, held on November 14th was organized and facilitated by the **Career Guidance Team**. The guest speaker at the meeting was **Suzanne Wilson** of the **POCONO HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE**. Ms Wilson gave an informative talk to the staff on the services offered by PHCA and left literature that can be reviewed and used by all.

*Happy November Birthday to.....*

*Donna Sokolowski*

*Kathy Reiter*



# TEAMOLOGY

*TEAM: A number of persons associated together in work or activity to perform a common goal.*



## Business Services TEAM



On Monday, December 3rd, from 12:30 to 4:00 pm, WEILER CORPORATION will be here recruiting for production workers and maintenance mechanics. If any job seekers are interested in WEILER, please have them come in by 2:30 so they are able to complete the application and training process.

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## Customer Information & Resource TEAM



**Moving On....**we wish farewell and good luck to Greeter **Lorraine Miller** from Experience Works who obtained employment at J.A. Reinhart. Thank you for all your assistance.

**Coming on board.....**we welcome a new face to the Front Desk Greeter station, **Altamese Brown**, from Experience Works. It's Great to Have You Here!



**A reminder to all staff** on behalf of the Greeters at the Front Desk.....please let them know who and when you expect customer appointments! It will make it more efficient for them to alert you to customer's arrival if they know who to expect.

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## Veterans AFFAIRS



Thomas Morris from the Governor's Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center will be at the **PA CareerLink Monroe County** on Monday, December 3rd, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm to help veterans, their spouses and family member who have questions about VA benefits and services. The representative will be available to help with issues such as pension, health care, prescriptions, records, medals, education, nursing care, burial, PTSD or Agent Orange. All veterans, peacetime and wartime are welcome. Appointments are not required. Vets should bring a copy of their discharge from the service or Form DD-214. The Center's main office phone number is (570)654-9589 or 1-800-432-9735.



# JOB ORDERS Spotlight



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## Support Services of America

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—Custodian/Cleaner  
-web 523756

## Pocono Services for Families & Children

—Head Start Teacher/Floater  
-web 520669  
—Head Start Classroom Assistant  
-web 520680

## Citizens Savings Bank



—Full Time Teller  
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## Krawitz & Krawitz PC

—Secretary  
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