



## INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Governor Edward G. Rendell last week said workers in high-growth, high-demand industries will be able to improve their skills and find good jobs with Pennsylvania's \$17.6 million investment in training and industry partnerships. Combined with at least \$18.7 million in private-sector funds, the total investment for these projects is more than \$36.3 million.

"Industry Partnerships are an innovative and successful way to help make Pennsylvania businesses more competitive and our workforce more skilled," Governor Rendell said.

There are 5,900 companies currently working together in 86 active partnerships; more than 34,300 employees have received advanced skills training.

"With their improved skills, workers are able to do more, earn more, advance their careers and better provide for themselves and their families," Governor Rendell said. "Investment in industry partnerships is providing great returns for individuals, families, employers, communities and the commonwealth."

The strategic investments announced today provide \$13.3 million for workforce training in key industries and \$4.3 million to develop industry partnerships in which employers, workers and workers' representatives from vital industries cooperate to improve their collective competitive position in the marketplace.

Industry partnerships identify specific training needs and skill gaps; help connect young people to careers; help educational and training institutions arrange curriculum to meet business demands; address worker recruitment and retention; develop career ladders within companies; highlight best practices; and promote communication among companies.

Applications and eligibility guidelines for industry partnership and industry partnership worker training program grants are available online at [www.paworkforce.state.pa.us](http://www.paworkforce.state.pa.us) under the "Governor Rendell's Strategy for Building a Skilled Workforce" quick link.

The following outlines just a small portion of the industry partnership and industry partnership worker training program grants funded statewide, but include the northeast area:

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

#### **"Intro to CareerLink Services"**

Presented by Sharone Glasco  
Tue, December 18th, 10:00-11:00

#### **"Interview Basics"**

Presented by Sharone Glasco  
Tue, December 18th 12-1:30pm

#### **"Salary Negotiations"**

Presented by Sharone Glasco  
Tue, December 18th 1:30-2:00pm

#### **"Career Exploration"**

Presented by Sharone G.  
Wed, December 19th 9-2:30 pm

#### **"Resumes & Cover Letters"**

Presented by Sharone Glasco  
Thur, December 20th, 9:00-11:30 am

*Look for the Holiday Issue of the FYI....Coming in a few days....will include Old Favorites and New Sensations!*

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Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, **Monroe**, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne and Wyoming counties

#### Industry Partnership Grants

- \$50,000 grant with \$50,000 local funds; Total: \$100,000 – Lackawanna County Workforce Investment Board – Advanced Materials & Diversified Manufacturing
- \$75,600 grant with \$79,800 local funds; Total: \$155,400 – Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board – Agriculture & Food Production
- \$20,000 grant with \$20,000 local funds; Total: \$40,000 – Lackawanna County Workforce Investment Board – Education
- \$75,000 grant with \$0 local funds; Total: \$75,000 – Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board – Energy
- \$112,927 grant with \$112,927 local funds; Total: \$225,854 – Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board – Logistics & Transportation

#### Industry Partnership Worker Training Grants

- \$133,333 grant with \$140,000 local funds; Total: \$273,333 – North Central Workforce Investment Board – Advanced Materials & Diversified Manufacturing
- \$300,000 grant with \$300,000 local funds; Total: \$600,000 – **Pocono Counties Workforce Investment Board** – Advanced Materials & Diversified Manufacturing
- \$325,000 grant with \$600,000 local funds; Total: \$925,000 – West Central Job Partnership – Logistics & Transportation



At the Monroe County Commissioners open meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>, recognition and awards were presented to **Leslie Mason**, Monroe County's winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Essay Contest for Health Careers Week. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Center for Health Careers and the Pocono Counties Workforce Investment Board, in conjunction with PA CareerLink Monroe County, the contest theme for this year was "*Become a Health Care Hero*". Leslie's essay, garnered a 2<sup>nd</sup> place certificate and a \$50.00 Savings Bond from the Pocono Counties Workforce Investment Board. Pictured are (left to right) Commissioner **Suzanne McCool**, Commissioner **DonnaASURE**, **Leslie Mason**, **John Casella**, Commissioner **Bob Nothstein**, **Deborah Harrison**.



*Happy December Birthday*  
*Mary ElKasas                      Ken Oakman*  
*Stephanie Stackhouse*





# TEAMOLOGY

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



## Business Services TEAM



**Employer Recruitments.....**DS2 (DEFENSE SUPPORT SERVICES) was at the **CareerLink** on Thursday, December 13th from 9am-2pm recruiting for Electronic Technician's II and III and Auto Painters at Tobyhanna Army Depot. Resumes were accepted and reviewed with the 35 applicants who braved the winter storm. If you are working with any job seekers who possess those qualifications-please get their resumes to **Don Langlois**.

The U.S. CENSUS BUREAU will conduct a recruitment on Thursday, December 20th starting at 9:30 am for permanent part-time positions. They will be doing testing sessions at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Encourage any and all job seekers to apply!



## Customer Information & Resource TEAM



### Don't Forget the New Seminars.....

"Intro to CareerLink Services"

Everything you wanted to know about CareerLink Services....and more! This orientation reviews all the services available at the PA CareerLink-from CWDS website enrollment to current labor market information. Cost free workshops and seminars, employer recruitments and training information are just a few of the topics covered.



"One on One Resume Writing Assistance"

This workshop was designed for those individuals who have attended the Resume and Cover Letter writing class and have a resume which documents their skills and abilities. Pre registration is required to sit down with an experienced coach to review and make recommendations to their existing resume. Bring a floppy!



## STAFF RECOGNITION



**Certificates of Appreciation** were recently awarded to the following for "the extra customer service effort while CareerLink staff were at training during the week of November 5th, 2007:

**Mary EIKasas**  
**Blanca Ortiz**

**Jay Shumaker**  
**Ann Marie DePue**



# JOB ORDERS Spotlight



## J.P. Mascaro & Sons

—Tractor Trailer Drivers  
-web 525288

## Stone, Trembly & Associates Inc

—Tax Preparer  
-web 529164  
—Administrative Assistant  
-web 529136

## Horizon Milling (Cargill)

—Entry Level Utility  
-web 528814

## U.S. Census Bureau

—Field Representative  
-web 527173

## Aaron's Sales & Lease

—Assistant Manager  
-web 527318  
—Delivery Driver  
-web 527317



## Genco Sypply Solutions

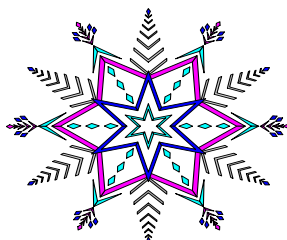
—Operations Analyst  
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Writing on the Wall....

A Snowflake is really  
just water....  
Dressed up in its  
Holiday Best!

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