

GROWTH IN 2007... CHALLENGES IN 2008

Welcome to the 1st edition of the **PA CareerLink Monroe County FYI** for 2008! Although our focus this year for the FYI is on “moving our **CareerLink** forward”, we are going to take a quick look back at the past year.

Last Week Governor Edward G. Rendell reported that Pennsylvania ended 2007 on a positive note, setting another record-high job count and continuing the trend of the commonwealth’s unemployment rate being lower than the national rate. The Governor also said that although Pennsylvania continues to outperform the national economy, his concerns about the economic outlook for 2008 are growing.

“2007 was a very good year for job growth in Pennsylvania,” Governor Rendell said. “We finished strong by adding another 2,800 jobs in December to bring our job count1 to a record-high 5,817,800. Pennsylvania businesses are continuing to add jobs and create opportunities and I am very pleased with our recent performance.” Since December 2006, Pennsylvania added more than 39,200 new jobs. Since January 2003, 189,600 net new jobs have been added. Despite a rise to 4.7 percent, December marked the 50th month out of the past 60 that Pennsylvania’s unemployment rate2 has been at or below the nation’s rate, which rose to 5 percent in December.

“While job growth continues in Pennsylvania, I am growing more and more concerned about the national economic outlook,” Governor Rendell said. “Economic forecasters are highly uncertain about where the economy is headed.

“We need a serious stimulus program from Washington

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What’s going on This Week.....

“Computerized O’Net Tests”

Presented by Ken O.

Mon, January 28th 9-10:30 am

“Intro to CareerLink Services”

Presented by Sharone Glasco

Tue, January 29th, 10:00-11:00 am

“Mock Interviews”

Presented by Sharone Glasco

Tue, January 29th 1-2 pm

“Career Exploration”

Presented by Sharone Glasco

Wed, January 30th 9:00-2:30pm

“1 on 1 Resumes Assistance”

Presented by Sharone Glasco

January 28th, 9:00-12:30 pm

Computer Basics”

Presented by Ken O.

Friday, February 1st, 9:00-10:00 am

D.C. to ensure our momentum continues,” he said. “Absent that, I am worried that we will not be able to maintain our progress.

“It is as important now as ever for Pennsylvania to stay on track with our strategy. Our plan is to continue identifying innovative and efficient ways to create opportunities for our workers and businesses to thrive in the challenging global economy,” the Governor said.

CAREER GUIDES ARE HERE

The 2007-08 Pennsylvania Career Guides have arrived! In the past, this publication has been a most useful tool when working with students and job seekers and the most recent edition is just another area of guidance we should make available to our customers.

Earlier this month, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Farm Show, the departments of Labor & Industry announced the availability, in print and online, of the 2007-08 Pennsylvania Career Guide. Governor Edward G. Rendell said “students and job seekers now have a new resource to help them explore the educational and career opportunities in the commonwealth.” The publication is designed for students, parents, counselors, first-time job seekers and those considering a career change.

The Pennsylvania Career Guide provides job seekers with information about careers in advanced materials & diversified manufacturing; agriculture & food processing; building & construction; business & financial services; education; information & communication services; life sciences (includes health care); logistics & transportation; lumber, wood & paper; and other industries.

“Workers must have the skills necessary to compete and succeed in an increasingly challenging, knowledge-based workplace,” Governor Rendell said. “And, whether that workplace is a dairy, food-processing plant or high-tech manufacturing facility, the Pennsylvania Career Guide can help workers make informed choices when considering occupations that lead to prosperous families and a stronger, more competitive Pennsylvania.”

The Pennsylvania Career Guide is produced by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry’s Center for Workforce Information & Analysis and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. It is distributed to Pennsylvania’s 501 school districts, **PA CareerLink offices** and is also available online www.dli.state.pa.us, Keyword: Career Guide.



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO....

Brenda Bottoms

Cheryl Zickgraf

Sharone Glasco





TEAMOLOGY

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



Administration TEAM



CAREER Quest is underway! Approx. 400 registration packets were mailed on the 11th of this month and the responses have already started coming in! Fifteen Booth Reservations have been received in the first week! Don't forget to mention the fair to all employers/vendors you work with! Remember the date for the 6th annual CAREER Quest: Tuesday, April, 15, 2008.



Business Services TEAM



Tuesday, January 29th, from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS CareerLink recruiting for Consultants to work the call center on 7th St. in Stroudsburg. **Job order 537607** applies. Consultants assist customers with collections, call plans, sales, adjustments, policies, customer service, etc. Requires 12 months of continuous employment within the last 5 years in retail Sales, Call Center experience or commissioned sales of high price items and a 4 year degree preferably in Communications, Marketing, Psychology, Sociology, business Management, or Business Administration. Salary ranges from \$485 weekly to \$1073 weekly depending on education, training, and experience. Applicants must attend this job fair to learn how to log on to the verizon system and schedule themselves for testing. There are approximately 10 open positions. Advertising will only appear on the Verizon website and on our CareerLink website.



The US CENSUS BUREAU will once again be here recruiting for 3 open part-time field representative positions. The civil service test required will be administered at 10:00 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m. All the applicants who pass the test will be immediately interviewed. Job order 536995 applies and specifies all the requirements.

Customer Information & Resource TEAM



We welcome **Lorelei Sands**, Income Maintenance Caseworker at the Monroe County Assistance Office, to the Customer Information & Resource Team! **Lorelei** will be assisting us in the Career Resource Center on Mondays.



As a result of the CWDS Staff Training session held last week, in addition to **Lorelei** joining the ranks of CRC attendants, we want to acknowledge and extend thank you's to **Michael Bader** of **Goodwill Industries**, and **John Casella**, **CareerLink Site Administrator**, for lending their service in the CRC. The February schedule for the CRC, and for the Seminars and Workshops, is now available.



JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Verizon

—Consultant II Call Center
-web 537607

Martz Group

—Motorcoach Operator
-web 534963
—Mechanics
-web 534935



FedEx Freight East Inc

—Supplemental Dock Workers
-web 5535260

Eye Associates of Monroe County

—Optometric Technician
-web 536680



Shawnee Academy

—Health and Physical Education Teacher
-web 535319
—Supervisory Therapeutic and Training
-web 535308

Eastern Monroe Public Library

—Cultural Diversity Library Assistant
-web 536098

Writing on The Wall....

The Chinese use two brush strokes

to write the word 'crisis!'

One brush stroke stands for danger;

the other for opportunity.

In a crisis, be aware of the danger

-but recognize the opportunity.

-John F. Kennedy, Speech in Indianapolis, April 12, 1959

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