



RECOVER & REINVEST

Governor Edward G. Rendell said the commonwealth's application for a \$5 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant will help provide training and placement services for approximately 1,430 Pennsylvanians seeking careers in health care.

"To help ensure that Pennsylvanians have access to the high-quality care they deserve, our workforce must have a greater number of highly skilled health care workers," Governor Rendell said. "Health care is among our most important industries and it is adding jobs - even during this recession."

If awarded, the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board, or PA WIB, will use the grant to enhance statewide training and placement efforts for allied health workers. The Pennsylvania Center for Health Careers, an arm of the PA WIB, will develop a pipeline of allied health workers that is diverse and representative of Pennsylvania. The project will focus on traditionally underserved populations including dislocated, unemployed, low-wage workers such as those on public assistance, high school dropouts, individuals with disabilities, veterans and individuals with limited English proficiency.

The status of this request, and other ARRA programs can be viewed on the commonwealth's **"Citizens' Update on its Recovery Act spending and programs available at www.recovery.pa.gov**.

The report, produced by the state's Office of Accountability, provides a user-friendly narrative that expands on the required quarterly federal reports the commonwealth submitted on Oct. 9.

"Pennsylvania is among the top 10 states in terms of putting its Recovery transportation funds to use," Rendell said. "We also want to be among the best in transparency. That

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What's going on Next Week.....

"How to Land a Government Job"

Presented by Lani C. and Julio M.

Monday, October 26th 9:00-11:00 am

"Intro to CareerLink Services"

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, October 27th, 10:00-11:00 am

"Interview Basics & Salary Negotiation"

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, October 27th, 12-2:00 pm

"Career Exploration"

Presented by Kim J.

Wed, October 28th, 9:00 am-2:30 pm

"Resume Critique"

By Appointment with Kim J.

Thur, October 29th, 9-12:00noon



means providing timely and easy-to-understand information to our citizens about how we are investing Recovery dollars. The Citizens' Update is part of doing just that."

In addition to providing a summary of the federal reports, Citizens' Update provides a brief overview of the state government's stimulus efforts through Sept. 30, including information about job creation and retention, programs and projects, and an overview of the federal reporting requirements. It also provides background information on the Recovery Act and its goals, as well as information about how Recovery funds flow to Pennsylvania. In combination with the array of information posted on the Recovery Web site, the Citizens' Update helps build a comprehensive picture of stimulus activity.

"One of the Accountability Office's missions is to provide unprecedented citizens' awareness of government spending and its outcomes," said Ron Naples, chief accountability officer. "Providing this information in easily accessible, simple, and direct ways is key to our mission. The Update is an integral piece of creating that window for citizens."

The Citizens' Update is available online at: www.recovery.pa.gov.



PA'S Employment Stats

Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted civilian labor force - the number of people working or looking for work - rose by 9,000 in September to 6,368,000. Employment was unchanged in September, while resident unemployment rose by 9,000. The Pennsylvania labor force was down 55,000 from September 2008. Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point to 8.8 percent in September. The state rate remained below the United States' unemployment rate, which rose one-tenth of a point to 9.8 percent. Pennsylvania's rate was up 3.2 percentage points from September 2008, while the U.S. rate was up 3.6 percentage points in the 12-month period.

Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs count dropped by 10,300 jobs in September. The majority of the job losses were among service providing industries, however, the Professional and Business Services sector added 2,700 jobs.

Pennsylvania job count was down 198,100, or 3.4 percent, since September 2008. Nationally, jobs were down 4.2 percent over the same time period.

Happy October Birthday to

Jackie Fazio

Hope Gibson



VOTE YES.....TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009



TEAMOLOGY

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

CareerLink

Administration Team

With the increased number of customers entering our premises, it is timely to remind all staff and partners of **CareerLink** policies that are designed for the safety of all in our office.



- Please make sure to give the names and scheduled times of all appointments you have each and every day to the front desk so that they are aware of who is coming and going. This needs to be done each morning.
- You must escort your appointments from the front desk to your desk and escort them back to the front lobby once your session is completed. Do not expect our Front Desk Staff to escort your appointments for you. They need to remain at their station at all times and are instructed not to leave for any reason. Please do not ask them to be your escort or to run any errands for you.
- For your own safety and protection please safeguard all personal items. Do not leave any valuables out in plain view. This includes wallets, purses, watches, cash, cell phones or any other valued personal items.
- The safety committee will meet in the next few weeks to review our existing **CareerLink** policies and see what other measures we need to take to ensure a safe and efficient workplace. If any of our staff has suggestions on ways to beef up our security please e-mail them to me and we will discuss them at the upcoming Safety meeting.



Business Services TEAM

The **Lehigh Valley Processing and Distribution Center of the US Postal Service** is accepting applications for immediate temporary positions. These are evening and late night hours-including weekends and holidays- paying \$11.00 per hour. No applications are available at this locations. Interested individuals need to apply online at www.usps.com/employment.



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—Driver Apprentice PS
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—Supplemental Dock Worker
-web 659903

NHS Human Services

—Psychiatric Technician

Home Depot

—Merchandising Execution Manager
-web 659479

Hanson Aggregates

—Pit Loader Operator
-web 659796
—Haul Unit Operator
-web 659794



Budget Motel

—Front Office Manager
-web 658894

Writing on the Wall

**If we'd only stop
trying to be happy
we'd have a pretty good time.**

-Edith Wharton

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