

# Growing Jobs

Last fall we passed a historic, bipartisan Jobs Bill to help small businesses and workers by improving access to capital, job training & education. Below is a list of programs that could benefit you or someone you know.

- ▶ **Manufacturing Centers** have just been located at three community colleges to meet the state's manufacturing workforce needs: [www.commnet.edu](http://www.commnet.edu)
- ▶ **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: [www.decd.org](http://www.decd.org)
- ▶ **Small Business Express Package** to get funding for your small business: [www.decd.org](http://www.decd.org), or contact Michelle Lugo at **860-270-8052** or [michelle.lugo@ct.gov](mailto:michelle.lugo@ct.gov)
- ▶ **STEP Up** (Subsidized Training & Employment Programs) Subsidies for small businesses & small manufacturers to keep workers up to date on new technology: contact Rina Bakalar at the Office for Workforce Competitiveness, **860-263-6523** or [rina.bakalar@ct.gov](mailto:rina.bakalar@ct.gov)
- ▶ **Connecticut Reemployment Portal** if you have recently lost a job & are looking for work: [www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP](http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP)
- ▶ **Job & Career ConneCTion** for details on job and training programs: [www.ctjobandcareer.org](http://www.ctjobandcareer.org)



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## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE *LOWEST SINCE 2009...*

## BUT STILL MORE WORK TO DO



Listening with some of my Senate colleagues to the owner of AdChem Manufacturing, a Connecticut small business that will be adding jobs as a result of the legislation we recently passed.

Connecticut may be emerging from the global recession, but we still have a long way to go. That's why my top priorities for this legislative session are to **create more high-quality jobs** and **protect small businesses**. Here's how:

- ▶ Expand the definition of a 'small business' from 50 to 100 employees to make thousands of additional Connecticut businesses eligible for loans and assistance;
- ▶ Expand the mid-level workforce where job openings are increasing;
- ▶ Help post-9/11 returning combat veterans find work by expanding grants to small businesses who train soldiers for new careers;
- ▶ Strengthen local manufacturing by creating a Connecticut Made campaign.

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