

# Growing Jobs

We have recently passed a historic, bipartisan Jobs Bill to help small businesses and workers by improving access to capital, job training and education. Below is a list of programs—and contact info—that could benefit you or someone you know.

- ▶ **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) provides worker training subsidies for small businesses and small manufacturers: 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 and 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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At a local forum for small businesses on our new Jobs Bill with Dept. of Economic & Community Development Commissioner Catherine Smith

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## **BUT STILL MORE WORK TO DO**

Our initiatives have helped to jump-start the economy; the unemployment rate is now at its lowest level since 2009. 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 and expand small businesses**. Here's how:

- ▶ Increase the definition of a 'small business' from 50 to 100 employees to make thousands of additional Connecticut businesses eligible for loans and assistance;
- ▶ Provide training and assistance to our combat veterans returning from overseas by expanding grants to small businesses that encourage them to hire and grow their business;
- ▶ Strengthen local manufacturing by creating a Connecticut Made campaign; and,
- ▶ Reduce red tape in the hiring and grant-making process to get people back to work more quickly.

For information about programs already available, please see the reverse side of this mailer.



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