

Growing Jobs

Just months ago we 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 initiatives—and contact info—that could benefit you or someone you know.

- ▶ **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: www.decd.org
- ▶ **Small Business Express Package** to get funding for your small business: www.decd.org, or contact Michelle Lugo at 860-270-8052 or 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
- ▶ **Connecticut Reemployment Portal** if you have recently lost a job and are looking for work: www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP
- ▶ **Job & Career ConneCTion** for details on job and training initiatives: www.ctjobandcareer.org



To learn more, visit:
www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs



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Left: At the ribbon cutting for the new Infinity Fitness in Darien last September.



Above: Kenneth Olson of Poko Partners, CT Dept. of Economic & Community Development Commissioner Catherine Smith and myself on a tour of the Poko's proposed mixed use development project in central Norwalk.



Above: Denise Morrison, Richard Moccia, Pat Callaghan, Catherine Smith and myself at the groundbreaking for the new Pepperidge Farms Innovation Center in Norwalk.

JOBLESS RATE DROPS FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT MONTH...

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 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;
- ▶ Help post-9/11 combat veterans returning from overseas find work by expanding grants to small businesses who train our soldiers for new careers; and
- ▶ Strengthen local manufacturing by creating a Connecticut Made campaign.

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



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