

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 programs—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 programs: www.ctjobandcareer.org

Even with this successful legislation we will look to do even more to continue to invest in our future.



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I attended a home energy audit in Stamford conducted by Paul Torres (right), a US military veteran trained in energy efficiency work. I want to see more veterans like Paul receive job training and employment when they return home after serving our country.



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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 programs already available, please see the reverse side of this mailer or visit www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs.