



Don't Wait for St. Patrick's Day to Find your Pot of Gold Training Grant or Lucky Employee or Job Opportunity

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Helping Businesses... Hiring Incentive Training Grant

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The Hiring Incentive Training Grant Program is a program designed to assist employers in paying for training of newly hired employees who are long-term unemployed (1 year or more) Massachusetts residents. The mission of the HITG program is to provide organizations with the resources to invest in the workforce by improving employee skills, and to maintain the economic strength and viability of the Commonwealth's businesses.

It is open to all employers who pay into the fund and provides a flat fee of \$2,000 per employee and up to \$20,000 per compa-

ny. Employers can use a training provider of their choice or they may use qualified employees of the company to conduct internal training of new hires. More information can be found at www.mass.gov/eolwd.

Helping connect employers and job seekers... Massachusetts JobQuest

JobQuest is a free online service provided by the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development which is updated daily. Visit www.mass.gov/jobquest to find a job opening, to find job seekers, to find a career center to assist you with your workforce needs, or to obtain employment trend information.



Top 10 Job Occupations in MA

(according to JobQuest 2/22/10)

- Registered Nurses – 1350 job openings
- Computer Systems Analysts – 1050
- Computer and Information Systems Managers – 590
- Computer Software Engineers, Applications – 562
- First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers – 562
- Sales Managers – 558
- Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software – 526
- Customer Service Representatives – 513
- Computer Support Specialists – 403
- Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants - 392

Find out more! Visit www.mass.gov/jobquest for daily updates. ■

BCREB Designated as High Performing Workforce Board

The Berkshire County Regional Employment Board, Inc. has worked hard over the last two years to achieve the new state standards for workforce investment boards issued by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. Our efforts have paid off as the BCREB has been selected as 1 of 5 High Performing Boards in Massachusetts. As part of the Governor's strategy to increase workforce capacity, close the skills gap and align goals of education, training, and employment for youth, the Administration looked to the regional Workforce Investment Boards to lead the strategic planning in these areas.



DWD Director Michael Taylor, Heather Boulger, BCREB President Albert Ingegni, III, and Mayor Ruberto

- To be certified as high performing, the BCREB had to demonstrate the following:
- Create and drive a regional strategic workforce plan for the region
- Establish strong sector business/industry partnerships
- Engage active Board members, organizations and partnerships
- Achieve federal performance standards
- Create and measure regional performance goals
- Generate additional revenue

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development Under-Secretary Jennifer James Price will be making a special announcement at the BCREB's quarterly meeting on March 4th regarding the High Performing designation.

Current Job Count



(February 22, 2010)

297 job openings
listed for Berkshire County

4 New Jobs Posted
Yesterday

3,327 New Jobs Posted in
the Last Week (state)

10,956 New Jobs Posted in
the Last 30 Days (state)

SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual Administrative Professionals Celebration

Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Mazzeo's, 1015 South Street, Pittsfield

\$15 per person

Celebrate Administrative Professionals Day
with the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce!

Take this opportunity to show your appreciation during Administrative Professionals Week, which runs from April 19-23. Bring your Administrative Assistant or come to celebrate these hardworking employees for a networking reception in their honor. While this event is intended to celebrate and recognize the members of every organization's behind-the-scenes team, the Chamber encourages employees of all backgrounds and levels to attend.

Special gifts will be provided to all administrative professionals who attend the event.



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