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Department of Labor and Training Launches Interactive Web Application

CRANSTON – Adelita S. Orefice, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (DLT), announced the availability of a new on-line, no charge service for job seekers, students, employers and anyone interested in the state's economy. **RI RED, Research and Economic Database**, is an interactive web application that gives users the ability to research the Rhode Island labor market. The web address is www.dlt.ri.gov/rired.

“**RI RED** is a wonderful resource that anyone with Internet access can use from the convenience of their own computer,” said Director Orefice. “It provides users with up-to-date labor market information including wage rates, industry and occupational projections, area profiles, and economic indicators as well as job postings, skills analysis, and educational information.”

RI RED features three interactive modules: *Services for Individuals*, *Services for Employers*, and *Labor Market Analysis*. Each module contains data designed for the particular user. The application also links to brochures and publications produced by the Department's Labor Market Information unit. **RI RED** is integrated with other DLT web sites as well as outside Internet resources to provide one-stop functionality to its users. It is updated as new information becomes available.

Individuals with Internet access can register on this new secure system, match their skills with occupations, search job postings, research occupational wages and industry trends, and create custom occupational profiles from their queries. Employers can also use **RI RED** for recruitment and educational services, download required employment posters, review Labor Laws, and connect to DLT's Employer Service Unit.

The Department invites you to peruse this innovative web application. Comments and suggestions should be directed to the Labor Market Information unit at lmi@dlt.state.ri.us.

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The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training offers a wide array of employment and training services to both the general public and to individuals with unusual barriers to employment. DLT is ready to assist any job seeker, whether the goal is a first job, a better job, or a career change. Rhode Island's work force is protected through the enforcement of labor laws, prevailing wage rates, and work place health and safety standards. Temporary income support is available to unemployed, sick, or injured workers and a comprehensive rehabilitation program is available to those injured on the job.

DLT is dedicated to the growth and competitiveness of Rhode Island industry, administering a variety of training grants, tax credits, and apprenticeship programs to help employers. Economic indicators and labor market information are available for long-range planning. The Agency engages in active outreach, helping large and small employers retain their best workers or retrain their existing work force. At no cost to the employer, DLT will also screen job applicants, post job vacancies, and help businesses institute cost-sharing programs that can avert layoffs.

For more information on the innovative programs and services available to all Rhode Islanders at the Department of Labor and Training, please call (401) 462-8000 or visit the web site at www.dlt.ri.gov.

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