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Department of Labor and Training to Meet Displaced Pinnacle Employees On-Site

CRANSTON – Adelita S. Orefice, Director of the Department of Labor and Training (DLT) has announced efforts to assist the employees of Pinnacle Medical Services of Rhode Island who will lose their jobs when the office closes on June 30, 2006. Employees will be invited to a professional Job Fair at the Providence netWORKri office at One Reservoir Avenue on Thursday, May 11, 2006 from Noon to 6:00 PM. DLT also plans to conduct an on-site Job Fair at Pinnacle in May.

DLT's Rapid Response team will be deployed to meet with affected employees on-site to offer assistance in filing Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims and guidance on additional programs such as vocational assessment, skills training, and job search assistance. Employees will learn more about the six netWORKri Career Centers across the state. netWORKri is ready to assist any job seeker, whether the goal is a first job, a better job, or a career change. Customers can access a resource library, personal computers, the Internet, fax and copy machines at no charge to help in their job search or participate in peer support groups and networking sessions. For more information, call 1-888-616-JOBS or go to www.netWORKri.org.

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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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