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**RI Department of Labor and Training Division
Recognized Nationally for Excellence**

The National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) recently announced the 2004 Labor Market Information Communication/Publication Awards. Rhode Island’s Department of Labor and Training, Labor Market Information (LMI) Division received national recognition in two of the six award categories.

Rhode Island’s *Opportunities In...* was named first place winner for excellence in providing quality information in the category of “Product or Service for One-Stop Career Centers.” *Opportunities In...* is a series of brochures highlighting wage and employment information on specific industries including Construction; High Technology; Education, Leisure & Hospitality; Finance, Insurance, & Accounting; Manufacturing; Health Services; and Retail Trade.

In the category of “Product/Service for Business,” Rhode Island’s *Health Services in the Ocean State – An Analysis of Employment and Wages in Rhode Island’s Health Care Industries*, received Honorable Mention. Using information collected by the LMI Division, this publication analyzes the sector’s growth in employment and annual wages during the past decade and presents industry and occupational employment projections for the coming decade.

“Rhode Island’s business community is fortunate to have the leadership of the Department’s Labor Market Information Division to analyze and translate complex and critical economic and labor force data into easy-to-use information for decision-making,” said Department of Labor and Training Director, Adelita S. Orefice.

An expanded interest in meeting customer needs has impacted the types of LMI products currently being developed and delivered. Products by labor market information staff contribute to the knowledge of human resource utilization for employment security, job training, occupational, economic, and other workforce development planners. For copies of the products mentioned above and other labor market publications, please contact the LMI Division at (401) 462-8740 or 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.

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

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