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## Rhode Island Job Fair to Benefit People with Disabilities

PROVIDENCE—In recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the Providence netWORKri Career Center and Rhodes to Independence will host their annual Autumn Job Fair on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, from noon to 6:00 PM.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, celebrating contributions to the community and the nation made by individuals with disabilities. “The Autumn Job Fair is an excellent opportunity for job seekers to connect directly with potential employers,” says Elaina Goldstein, Project Director of Rhodes to Independence. “For people with disabilities looking for good jobs, there will be additional resources and support available that should be very helpful.”

Local businesses will be seeking qualified workers to fill available vacancies. Over twenty-five employers, and resource organizations such as the Office of Rehabilitative Services (ORS), the Governor’s Commission on Disabilities, and Goodwill Industries, will be present. Job trainers will direct job seekers to appropriate training programs and classes.

The Autumn Job Fair will be held at the Providence netWORKri Career Center at One Reservoir Avenue. The fair is free and open to the public. For more information, call Valerie Shore at (401) 462-6163 or email her at [yshore@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:yshore@dhs.ri.gov).

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For more information or to request accommodations, call (401) 462-6163 or 711- RI relay 48 hours in advance.

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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 workforce is protected through the enforcement of labor laws, prevailing wage rates, and workplace 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](http://www.dlt.ri.gov).*

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