



## Job Growth is Job One

In passing bipartisan jobs legislation, Connecticut has done what Washington could not - put the bickering aside and put the taxpayers first. This comprehensive jobs package that was passed in both the October and June Special Sessions will jump-start job creation and foster long-term economic growth. Incentives for small businesses, new economic development tools, a streamlined permit process, workforce development and training are all addressed in the new laws. There are also incentives for towns to help improve bridges and town centers, and for businesses to hire employees.

Employers can contact the Department of Economic and Community Development at 860.270.8000 to find out how this new law can help them grow their business.

Please contact me with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best, *Linda M. Gentile*



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## Small Business Growth

Small business is the backbone of our economy. A new law makes \$100 million available to grow small businesses with less than 50 employees and create jobs through incentives, grants and loans and streamlining the application process to expedite assistance by:

- » Cutting the business entity tax in half
- » Investing \$20 million to remediate vacant brownfield properties
- » Providing \$10 million to manufacturers to train and hire employees
- » Expanding job creation tax credits to \$500
- » Expanding job creation tax credit for hiring the unemployed, disabled or veterans to \$900

## Cutting Red Tape

We are helping businesses grow new jobs by:

- » Eliminating or consolidating burdensome state regulations
- » Approving certain economic development projects in 60 days
- » Analyzing government services and programs to improve efficiency
- » Making state websites easier for businesses to navigate and use
- » Establishing a program to clean up brownfields and vacant property faster

## Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Additionally, the jobs bill:

- » Builds a “Fix it First Bridges” program, which helps repair, replace or remove existing town-owned bridges
- » Grows the Farm Restoration Program, permitting agriculture on vacant state-owned land, and helping reimburse farmers the cost of developing a farm resources restoration plan
- » Improves Main Street commercial centers in small towns, providing funds to attract small businesses, improve pedestrian access and renovate public areas in ways that improve economic viability
- » Creates incentives for investments in emerging technology
- » Builds innovation centers in key cities and invests in innovative ventures
- » Creates a second “First Five” program for larger businesses

## Workforce Development

The legislature increased training and education at vo-tech schools, community colleges and universities to meet the high-demand job needs of manufacturing and IT employers through:

- » Enhancing manufacturing technology programs
- » Outreach to promote vo-techs, regional agricultural science and tech-ed centers
- » Matching employer needs to education curriculum
- » Subsidizing employers to train current workers
- » Studying current training programs and manufacturing needs

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