

Job Growth is Job One

I supported a bipartisan jobs package bill in October to jump-start job creation and foster long-term economic growth. Incentives for small business and innovation, new economic development tools, a streamlined permit process, workforce development and training are all addressed in the new law.

Businesses 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.

In addition, I am very optimistic about an agreement with the renowned research group, Jackson Laboratory, to bring new jobs in research and construction to the state in the form of a new facility at the UConn Health Center. It is expected that the new bioscience industry will produce 6,600 jobs over the next two decades.

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

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Small Business Express

Small business is the backbone of our economy. We are helping them create jobs by making \$100 million available to grow small businesses with less than 50 employees through incentives, grants and loans and a streamlined application process to expedite assistance. In addition, we:

- » Invested \$20 million to remediate vacant brownfield property
- » Provided \$10 million to manufacturers to train and hire employees
- » Expanded job creation tax credits to \$500, \$900 for hiring the unemployed, disabled or veterans

Jackson Laboratory

We created the CT Bioscience Collaboration program to establish a bioscience cluster . It will be anchored by a new Jackson Laboratory facility at the UConn Health Center in Farmington. The investment will immediately create 900 construction jobs and over 20 years is expected to create more than 6,600 long term jobs, with:

» 660 positions at Jackson Labs

- » 4,000 additional bioscience jobs through spin-off companies
- \gg 2,000 jobs added to local services and area retail stores

Workforce Development

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

Efficient Government

We are helping businesses grow new jobs by streamlining and expediting government to:

- » Eliminate or consolidate burdensome state regulations
- \gg Approve certain economic development projects in 60 days
- \gg Conduct a LEAN analysis to improve government efficiency
- » Improve State IT Portal for businesses
- \gg Pilot pre-permitting to clean and sell vacant property faster

More On Jobs...

Additionally, the jobs bill:

- » Builds a "Fix it First" bridges program
- » Grows the Farm Restoration Program
- » Improves Main Street commercial centers in small towns
- » Builds innovation centers in key cities and invests in innovative ventures
- » Incentivizes business growth at Connecticut airports



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