



Job Growth is Job One

As you may already know, I strongly supported a comprehensive jobs package at the October Special Session to help jump-start job creation in Connecticut and foster long term economic growth for Hamden and New Haven. Incentives for hiring, for small business and innovation, for new economic development tools, brownfield remediation, streamlined permit processes, workforce development and job training are all addressed in the new laws.

We also established a Brownfields program that provides \$20 million in funding to cleanup five state owned Brownfields providing for end use of the property. This is an important job creator in New Haven, providing the potential for increased state and local tax revenue and re-employment, as well as revitalizing our City.

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 almost 7,000 jobs over the next two decades, many of them here in Hamden & New Haven.

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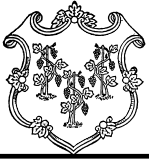
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Small Business Express

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

- » Cut the business entity tax in half
- » Invested \$20 million to remediate vacant brownfield property
- » Provided \$10 million to manufacturers to train and hire employees
- » Expanded job creation tax credits 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
- » 2,000 jobs added to local services and area retail stores

Workforce Development

Increased training and education at vo-tech, 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

Cutting Red Tape

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

- » Eliminate or consolidate burdensome state regulations
- » Approve certain economic development projects in 60 days
- » Conduct a LEAN analysis to improve government efficiency
- » Improve State IT Portal for businesses
- » 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
- » Creates incentives for investments in emerging technology (Angel Investors)
- » Builds innovation centers in key cities and invests in innovative ventures
- » Creates a second “First Five” program
- » Incentivizes business growth at Oxford and other Connecticut airports
- » Markets local CT wine at wine festivals

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