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Working together to help Hartford Residents find jobs *CTWorks @ HPL*, One-Stop Career Center to Open Downtown at Hartford Public Library

Hartford, Connecticut (June 27, 2012) - In the first partnership of its kind, Capital Workforce Partners, the North Central Connecticut region's workforce board and Hartford Public Library have partnered to open a satellite Career Center, named ***CTWorks @ HPL*** at the Downtown Library location, 500 Main Street. The Center will open on July 9, 2012.

CTWorks One-Stop Career Centers offer a myriad of services for job seekers and assist businesses with hiring/employment needs. Also available at ***CTWorks*** is a range of information and advice about training and educational courses geared toward furthering career goals of individuals, helping the under-employed get better jobs, and helping the unemployed get back to work. ***CTWorks @ HPL*** will broaden access to job seekers in the community, providing a downtown location, and a host of in-house access to services already offered by Hartford Public Library.

Two *CTWorks* Career Agents will be located at ***CTWorks @ HPL***. Services offered include skills assessments, online job search assistance, career plan development, assistance with resume writing, counseling services and job referrals. One-on-one services are offered to help job seekers with career planning, referral to training and workshops, and job development and placement. These specific services will be available from 10 am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Expanded hours are being considered for the fall.

"Hartford Public Library is already an enthusiastic community partner with Capital Workforce Partners and we are excited to expand our role," said Matt Poland, the Library's chief executive officer. "The new center will leverage our already existing and successful job search programs to highlight the Library's dedication to help Hartford's citizens find the jobs they need. For the first time ever, we will offer the full continuum of employment resources, from literacy classes to recruitment services, all in one place. This is a groundbreaking collaboration between the Library and Capital Workforce Partners and we are confident that it will result in hundreds of Hartford people getting back to work and starting fulfilling careers.

“We are thrilled to broaden CTWorks access to Hartford residents, right in downtown Hartford,” says Thomas Phillips, President and CEO of Capital Workforce Partners. “Now it will be even easier for individuals, especially in the South and West ends of the city to get the guidance and training services they may need to assist them with their job search and career development. With impending workforce shortages in healthcare, manufacturing and other industry sectors, we need to equip Hartford’s talent pipeline with the skills they need, and what better a place to do that, than at our City’s flagship library.”

CTWorks currently operates in 17 locations statewide and are a partnership of the state’s workforce boards (the Connecticut Workforce Development Council) and the Connecticut Department of Labor. While the Department of Labor will not be co-located in this Center, CTWorks representatives are prepared to make referrals as needed to either the main Hartford CTWorks location at 3580 Main Street Hartford, or to the Call Center for questions on Unemployment Insurance. Other CTWorks locations in the region include, 893 Main Street Manchester, 260-270 Lafayette Street, New Britain and 786 Enfield Street, in Enfield.

About Hartford Public Library

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Visit hplct.org and the library’s new blog at blogs.hplct.org

About Capital Workforce Partners:

Capital Workforce Partners is a regional workforce investment board serving 37 municipalities in North Central Connecticut. The board coordinates comprehensive programs for job seekers and employers, and its mission is to leverage public and private resources to produce skilled workers for a competitive regional economy. For more information about Capital Workforce Partners, visit www.capitalworkforce.org or call 860.522.1111.