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# CTWorks @ HPL, One-Stop Career Center at Downtown at Hartford Public Library Expands Hours

**Hartford, Connecticut (September 10, 2012)** – Two months after the opening of *CTWorks @ HPL, a* satellite One-Stop Career Center at Hartford Public Library's Downtown location, the Center is increasing its hours to include evenings and weekends. The Center, located at 500 Main Street will now be open Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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 is an innovative adaptation of the standard model that broadens access to job seekers in the community by providing a downtown location and a host of services offered by Hartford Public Library that support the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century employment skills. "Together we increase our capabilities to serve our citizens exponentially," said Matt Poland, the Library's chief executive officer.

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.

**CTWorks@HPL** is a partnership of Capital Workforce Partners, the North Central Connecticut region's workforce board and Hartford Public Library.

### **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.