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Department of Community & Economic Development News



PA Unemployment Rate Drops to 6.2 Percent

Lowest Unemployment Rate for PA Since November 2008

Last week, the Department of Labor & Industry released its employment situation report for February 2014. Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined by two-tenths of a percentage point in February to 6.2 percent – one-half of a percentage point below the U.S. rate (6.7 percent). The state rate was down 1.5 percentage points from its February 2013 rate.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force - the number of people working or looking for work – increased by 15,000 to 6,430,000, and resident employment was up 28,000 to 6,032,000. The number of unemployed residents fell 15,000 to 397,000, its lowest level since October 2008.



Corbett Administration to Launch JOBS1st On the Road

Department of Community and Economic Development Secretary C. Alan Walker, Labor and Industry Secretary Julia Hearthway and their

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executive teams will travel to Pennsylvania's Central PREP Region April 9-11, 2014, as part of the JOBS1st On the Road initiative. For three days, the group will meet with partners, attend educational workshops, visit businesses and tour communities to celebrate and see firsthand the projects and growth happening in the region.

Learn more about JOBS1st On the Road and register for events: newPA.com/ontheroad/central/events



Pennsylvania's partners to host private dinner at International BIO

Lt. Governor Jim Cawley will be kicking off Pennsylvania's presence at the 2014 BIO international Convention at a private dinner for our partners and invited guests Sunday, June 22 at the San Diego Zoo. This event is being hosted by the Team Pennsylvania Foundation (Team PA) with sponsorships from our partners.

This private dinner gives our partners the opportunity to talk about why Pennsylvania is built to advance the life sciences. If you are interested in participating as a sponsor, please contact Katie Thiemann with Team PA at Kthiemann@teampa.com or 717.236.1375.



Have you seen our ads?

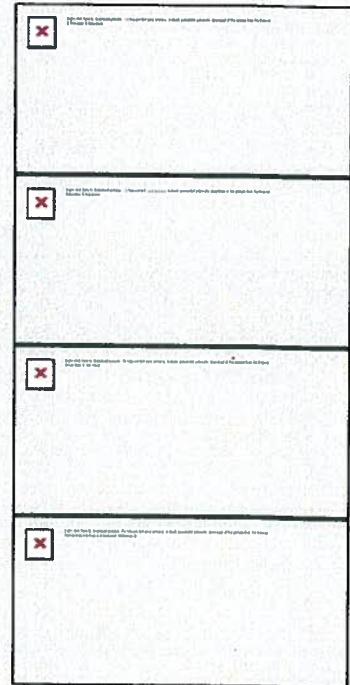
DCED has been through a branding process of engaging our partners, customers and stakeholders to understand and better define our messaging. At the end of January, this new branding started to appear in ads which appeared in digital format in January and in print ads in February. They are appearing in various publications, including Site Selection, Business Facilities, Trade & Industry Development and Business Xpansion Journal, to name a few.

DCED will be sharing our branding and media plan at the PEDAC Conference. Please plan to attend the [PEDA Spring Legislative Conference](#) April 28-30 to learn how you can partner and get involved in the new initiatives that make Pennsylvania built to advance!



Putting JOBS1st to Build a Stronger Pennsylvania

Partners Attend Site Selectors Gullid



The economic momentum in 2014 continues as more and more companies are investing in new growth and hiring in a Pennsylvania that is built to advance.

- [Governor Corbett: Low-Interest Loan to Support Manufacturer Growth in Mifflin County, Creating 150 New Jobs](#)
- [Corbett Administration Announces Funding for Infrastructure Improvements to Add Approximately 250 New Jobs in Perry County](#)
- [Governor Corbett Joins Noble Energy to Announce Marcellus Regional Headquarters in Southpointe Business Park in Washington County](#)
- [Governor Corbett Announces Modular Home Manufacturer Will Create 58 New Manufacturing Jobs in Columbia County](#)
- [Governor Corbett Announces 256 New Jobs with Expansion of C3i Facility in Luzerne County](#)



DCED Announces Second Annual Governor's ImPAct Awards

Together with Governor Corbett and the Team Pennsylvania Foundation (Team PA), DCED will celebrate companies and individuals who invest in Pennsylvania and spur job creation across the commonwealth. Partners are encouraged to consider sponsorship of the second annual event, which will be held May 30, 2014 in Hershey.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities or to advertise in the ceremony program, contact Beth Feltenberger with Journal Multimedia at bethf@cpbj.com or 717.236.4300.



New Online Tool for DEP Permitting

DEP Permit Application Consultation Tool (PACT)

Do you need to know what permit approvals your project needs from DEP? Do you apply for grants from agencies or parties that want to know if environmental permits are necessary for the project, like DCED's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)? Do you work with companies that are considering locating to PA or expanding their current operations and need to know what environmental permits may

be necessary?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider exploring and using the new DEP Permit Application Consultation Tool (PACT) found here: www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/PACT



The Commonwealth and Economic Development Partners Attend Site Selectors Guild

Representatives from the state and our economic development partners attended the Site Selectors Guild Conference, held in Denver, CO, at the end of February.

The Site Selectors Guild is the only association of the world's foremost professional site selection consultants. Guild members provide location strategy to corporations across the globe and for every industry, sector and function.

Pennsylvania hosted a lunch for 11 site selectors, providing an opportunity to get a few minutes of their undivided attention to promote the message that Pennsylvania is built to advance and is the best place for business investment in the entire country. We found the conference to be extremely productive and are confident Pennsylvania will be at the top of many lists to recommend for site selection.

For additional information please contact:

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Featured Events

JOBS1st Kickoff Reception

April 9

6:30–8 p.m.

The Walls Lounge in the Elaine Langone Center
Bucknell University's Campus
Corner of Moore Street and Seventh Avenue
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Join DCED Secretary C. Alan Walker and L&I Secretary Julia Hearthway and their teams on Wednesday, April 9, from 6:30-8 pm for a JOBS1st Kickoff Reception at Bucknell University's Walls Lounge in the Elaine Langone Center as we tour the area to meet our partners and celebrate Central PA.

Wrap-Up Celebration Lunch

April 11

11 a.m.–2 p.m.

[Durrwachter Alumni Conference Center](#)
[Lock Haven University](#)
[10 Susquehanna Ave.](#)
[Lock Haven, PA 17745](#)

On Friday, April 11, connect with DCED Secretary C. Alan Walker, L&I Secretary Julia Hearthway and their teams over lunch as they share the many successes and feedback received during their visits in Central Pennsylvania. The Wrap-Up Luncheon will take place at [Lock Haven University's Durrwachter Alumni Conference Center](#) (<http://www.lhufoundation.org/dacc.html>). Registration and networking will begin at 11 a.m. and the luncheon will be served at noon. Thank you to the Team Pennsylvania Foundation and FirstQuality for sponsoring the lunch.

Thank You to Our Primary Sponsor

The [Team Pennsylvania Foundation](#) (<http://www.teampa.com>) is a proud sponsor of JOBS1st On the Road. Both featured events are open to all community, business, and tourism partners, as well as all state and local elected officials in Central Pennsylvania.

Additional Events

EITC/OSTC Tax Credit Presentation

April 9

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Country Cupboard
101 Hafer Rd
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Learn about all aspects of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC) and discuss changes to the programs for the current year. The event will also be used to educate any potential EITC/OSTC applicants on the processes of the programs and answer any questions.

Disaster Recovery Workshop

April 10

1–4 p.m.

Union County Government Center
155 North 15th Street

Lewisburg, PA 17837

The workshop will have speakers providing current information on the PA Recovery Resources Team, Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grants and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, as well as updates on Biggert-Waters 12 (National Flood Insurance Program).

Local Government Town Hall Meeting

April 10

5-6:30p.m.

Snyder County East Building

713 Bridge Street

Selinsgrove, PA 17870

DCED Deputy Secretary for Community Affairs and Development Champ Holman will hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Snyder County East Building, Snyder County. The meeting will offer local elected officials and members of the community an opportunity to get together to discuss emerging issues and to voice concerns and preferences regarding their community. There will also be an opportunity to learn what services DCED has to offer to assist local governments and communities. The meeting will start with a reception from 5-5:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. Thank you to the Snyder County Commissioners for sponsoring the event.

Doing Business With the Commonwealth of PA and the Federal Government

April 10

9:00a.m.-Noon

Union County Government Center

155 North 15th Street

Lewisburg, PA 17837

Learn about the Commonwealth's significant changes to its procurement program including the development of a small business certification program and small diverse business verification program. The workshop will also include information on how to do business with the federal government. To register and learn more about this event, [click here \(http://www.seda-coq.org/Lists/Calendar%20of%20Events/Attachments/447/Lewisburg%20event,%20Apr.%2010.pdf\)](http://www.seda-coq.org/Lists/Calendar%20of%20Events/Attachments/447/Lewisburg%20event,%20Apr.%2010.pdf).

Check back later for additional events!

We will be adding events in the upcoming week.

Questions?

Please contact Mary Bethea at mbethea@pa.gov (<mailto:mbethea@pa.gov>) or 717.720.1440.

Registration Form

Title:

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Organization:

Phone:

Email: *

Events: *

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if you are attending the Wrap-Up Lunch please select a meal::

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- Beef
- Vegetarian

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