

WIB Meeting
March 17, 2010
12:00 p.m.
Calhoun Convention
Center

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"This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing they hold future promise."

Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero



SETA

SETA is close to home this year. Don't miss an opportunity for this first class workforce training event!

Chattanooga Marriott Convention Center
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Labor Surplus Areas

New report shows that 3 northwest Georgia areas are on the Labor Surplus Areas (LSA) list. This means that these areas had an annual unemployment rate during the previous two calendar years that was 20% more than the national unemployment rates for the same period or an unemployment rate of 10% or higher.

The northwest Georgia areas on the list are Chattooga County, and the Cities of Dalton and Rome. For the full list visit <http://www.doleta.gov/Programs/lisa.cfm>

2010 Summer Youth Program a Possibility

The Workforce Investment System in the State of Georgia hopes to once again be awarded a Summer Youth Job Program which is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The goal is to expose these youth to a work environment in which they can develop work readiness skills and to cultivate an interest in continuing their education and/or in a career. This year's program funds will be distributed through the Georgia Department of Human Resources. A decision regarding whether or not the Workforce Investment System will be providing workforce services will be made by March 18, 2010.

This year will be a continuation of a very successful program in 2009. Region 1 was instrumental in the success of Georgia's program with 741 of the 12,000 total youth served locally.

Become a 2010 Census Partner

Communities and organized groups are encouraged to become a 2010 Census Partner by organizing a local Complete Count Committee (CCC). A CCC is a group of influential leaders in the area who are committed to community participation in the 2010 Census. It is vital for many funding sources that the area's population count reflects the growth that has occurred in Northwest Georgia. Census information can be circulated via local and business newsletter and websites. The religious community associations, businesses that serve the immigrant communities, local school boards, town hall meetings are all asked to promote the Census efforts.

The Georgia CCC is particularly concerned with the areas that are hard to count. These are the areas that have had less than 55% response rates to the 2000 Census. To register your local CCC and to see a map of area participation in the last go to www.census.georgia.gov.

Microsoft Elevate America

The Governor's Office of Workforce Development in cooperation with Microsoft is offering free on-line tutorials to Georgia residents for the following programs:

Microsoft Office Suite Products

Word 2007/2003
Power Point 2007/2003
Excel 2007/2003
Outlook 2007/2003
Access 2007/2003

Windows Vista

Advanced IT Professional products

Microsoft is also offering free certification tests in one of the Office Suite categories. This opportunity will last through April 22nd. Vouchers for the program can be obtained from area WIA Career Advisors or the Georgia Department of Labor.

Helpline Georgia

Helpline Georgia is a program funded by the Georgia Department of Human Resources and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council that operates a helpline for substance abuse, victim compensation and compulsive gambling. They also offer referrals to resources such as DFCS, community food banks and homeless shelters for the those experiencing financial stress and strain in this economy.

The helpline number is 1-800-338-6745. It will be answered by trained, caring information specialists 24 hours per day. Agencies wanting free information about the services to distribute may also call one of the information specialist at the number listed above.

GDOL Announces Summer Internship Program

Georgia Department of Labor's 2010 Summer Internship Program will offer internships for up to 80 students across the state. The internship program provides college students with practical work experience, an opportunity to earn school credit, and a chance to make up to \$1,400 through the program.

Interns will be selected on the basis of the following: student interests and

whether such interests align with possible job duties at the labor department; maturity level; and student access to Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) Career Centers and Vocational Rehabilitation offices around the state. Whenever possible, selected interns will be allowed to choose the office where they will work. For more information visit www.dol.state.ga.us.

Dates to Remember

- The **Northwest Georgia Youth Council** Meeting will be on March 10, 2010 at noon at the Calhoun Convention Center. For information contact Terri Morgan at (706) 295-6485 or tmorgan@nwgrc.org.
- The **Northwest Georgia WIB** Meeting will be on March 17, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. at the Calhoun Convention Center. For information contact Terri Morgan at (706) 295-6485 or tmorgan@nwgrc.org.
- The **Northwest Georgia Consortia and Proposal Review Committees** will meet prior to the WIB on March 17, 2010. The Consortia will meet at 10:30 and the Proposal Review Committee will meet at 11:30. All will meet at the Calhoun Convention Center.
- **Southeastern Employment and Training Association (SETA) Spring Conference**, Chattanooga, TN, March 14-17, Marriott Convention Center. For information visit www.SETA.org

Georgia Power Training Facility Open House Tour

Georgia Power and Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) opened a state of the art training facility on the Polk Campus of Georgia Northwestern in 2009. The facility is used to train Georgia Power and Southern Company employees and for industrial training for GNTC students who have the opportunity to train and apply for Southern Company positions. The instruction covers the electrical apprentice program, a mechanical apprentice program, instrumentation and controls, and the auxiliary equipment operator training program.

The facility includes a Plant Bowen Simulator room, a computer lab, an electrical lab, and other Georgia Power training rooms. Trainees get to learn through real world simulations.

Area Workforce Professionals will be receiving a tour of the facility on April 20, 2010.

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