

Time Change for the November WIB meeting. It will be November 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the Calhoun Convention Center

NORTH GEORGIA CAREER EXPO AND JOB FAIR

**Thursday
November 19, 2009
1:00-5:00 p.m.**

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**Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center
2211 Dug Gap Battle Road
Dalton, GA 30720**



Tri-State Receives NADO Award

The Tri-State Alliance was selected as one of the 2009 Innovation Award recipients. This award is given by the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). Since 1986, the **NADO Innovation Awards Program** has recognized organizations that have demonstrated innovative approaches to regional economic and community development.

Each year award winners are highlighted in a special issue of the *Regional Development Digest*, which is published in July and distributed to NADO members, federal and state officials, the media, and members of Congress. (source: www.NADO.org)

Basic Computer Skills Vouchers

The Georgia Office of Workforce Development (GOWD) awarded our region 50 Basic Computer Class vouchers to be distributed to individuals within our region who lack basic computer skills and want to learn these skills. The vouchers are being distributed by the OJT Career Advisors at the Dalton and Northwest Georgia Career Centers. They may be used for classes at Dalton State College and Georgia Northwestern Tech College. This will hopefully benefit the 400 individuals recently laid-off from Shaw in Ringgold in addition to others in need of basic computer skills in the region.

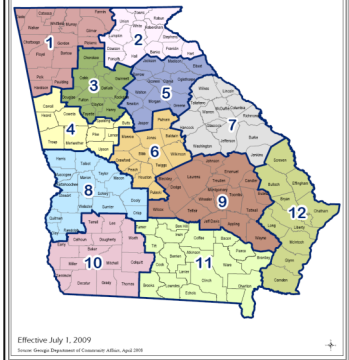
The New Look of Northwest Georgia

New names and new alliances have been created within the Northwest Georgia Region. These changes have effected both Regional Development Centers (RDC) and the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG).

“Regional Development Centers” are now called “Regional Commissions” statewide. Two regional development centers, North Georgia Regional Development Center and Coosa Valley Regional Development Center, have joined forces to become the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission. The new Regional Commission will consist of the 15 northwestern counties which include: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, and Whitfield.

The new technical college alliances in Region 1 are as follows: Northwestern Tech and Coosa Valley Tech are now Georgia Northwestern Technical College; Appalachian Tech, North Metro Tech, and Chattahoochee Tech have combined and are called Chattahoochee Technical College; and West Central Tech is now called West Georgia Technical College.

Regional Commissions State of Georgia



Georgia High Schools Awarded Work Ready Grant

The Governor's office has awarded 56 Georgia high schools the Georgia Work Ready training grant, which provides three-years of access to skills-gap training software. The funding was made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and will provide each school \$5,000 worth of software. Four of these high schools are in the Northwest Georgia Region. They are Woodland High School (Bartow county), Ringgold High School (Catoosa county), Gilmer High School (Gilmer county), and Ridgeland High (Walker county).

Each school will provide the Work Ready assessment to at least 50 percent of its senior class each year for three years and will incorporate the training tools in its curriculum to ensure all interested students have access to it.

Volkswagen Ready to Begin Application Process

Volkswagen announced at the end of last week that it will take applications online from Oct. 26 to Nov. 15 for about 1,200 production positions. Applications can be submitted online anytime 24 hours per day during these three weeks. Computers are being provided for those who do not have access to a computer or who may need assistance with the online application at both Georgia Northwestern Technical College and Georgia Department of Labor Career Centers. Extended hours will be offered by both to accommodate the applicants. See schedule that follows for times and locations.

Gwen Dellinger, Workforce Development Director, for the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission, said the commission will assist with some of the expenses for the extended hours and on-site instruction.

Online: www.VWJobsChattanooga.com

COMPUTER LABS SITES

Dates: October 26— November 7

Hours for Georgia Northwestern Labs:
Mon-Thurs 12:30 p.m. –7:00 p.m.
Friday 12:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Where: Floyd Campus: Room H138
Gordon Campus: Room 305
Walker Campus: Room 6106

Extended Hours for GDOL Career Centers:

Mon-Thurs 7:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Where: Dalton Career Center
Lafayette Career Center
Northwest Georgia Career Center (Ft. Oglethorpe)

Note: The Career Centers' computers will also be available during regular business hours for applicants November 8-15th.

The Way Out, Inc.

The Way Out, Inc. a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers from both the public and private sectors of the community, is making a difference in the lives of a segment of the population that many had written off as unemployable. They offer classes aimed at equipping people who are down on their luck with the skills to re-enter society successfully. The classes are geared predominantly towards felons. The participants are taught accountability, application skills, interviewing skills and are tested to be certified for the Georgia Work Ready program.

This month, they are beginning a class for women only that will deal with issues specific

to women in life and in the workforce. There will be classes for men only beginning in 2010.

The Way Out, Inc. is partnering with Quality Staffing, Inc. to find jobs for their graduates. They have a 90 percent success rate in finding employment for those that complete the program.

Executive Director, Diane Rhodes, stated that the most important truth gleaned from their efforts this year is that most people simply need someone who cares enough to help them develop what is already inside of them.

For more information call 706-277-2130 or email: thewayout@windstream.net

Dates to Remember

- The **Northwest Georgia WIB/CCEO Meeting** will be on **November 18, 2009** at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Calhoun Convention Center**. For information contact **Terri Morgan** at **(706) 295-6485** or **tmorgan@nwgrc.org**.
- The **Northwest Georgia Youth Council Meeting** will be on **November 11, 2009** at **noon** at the **Calhoun Convention Center**. For information contact **Terri Morgan** at **(706) 295-6485** or **tmorgan@nwgrc.org**.
- The **Tri-State Alliance** will be at **Northeast Alabama Technical College** in **Rainsville, AL** on **November 17, 2009**. **Time TBA**. For more information call **Terri** at **706-295-6485**.
- The **Northwest Georgia Career Expo** will be held **November 19, 2009, 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.** at the **Northwest Georgia Trade**

Hand-On/Minds-On Physics and Physical Science Academy Offered in Northwest Georgia

Auto Alley project members are teaming with Northwest Georgia RESA to conduct a two day Physics/Physical Science Academy at Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Floyd campus, on **November 12-13, 2009**. The academy will be open to Physics and Physical Science teachers within the Auto Alley region (13 counties: Bartow, Catoosa, Walker, Dade, Chattooga, Gordon, Pickens, Floyd, Cherokee, Polk, Paulding Haralson, and Carroll counties). This training is being provided to help teachers learn to encourage and direct students towards careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

RESA has contracted with **CORD**, Center for Occupational Research and Development, based in Texas, to conduct the training. Teachers participating in the training will learn useful teaching methods to connect science education with area industry jobs and skill requirements. The goal is not only to promote science education; but to develop a workforce for occupations in demand in the Northwest Georgia region. **There will be NO cost for teachers, schools, or systems.** Tuition is provided by the Auto Alley Georgia Work Ready Training Project. To register visit www.nwqaresa.com.

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