



Metro North Regional Employment Board

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Dear REB Partner:

Under the U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), all workforce boards across the country were mandated to lead a procurement process to select a One-Stop Career Center operator this year. For Metro North, this process marked the first time the Career Center operator has been put out to bid since 1998.

I wanted to share the news that after a comprehensive review process, the Metro North Regional Employment Board has selected The Workplace as the region's One-Stop Career Center operator effective October 1, 2017.

The Workplace is the workforce development board in southwestern Connecticut and is a national leader in workforce development programming and innovation, currently operating programs in 15 states. They oversee four career centers in Connecticut and will be the operator for all of Rhode Island's career centers starting July 1. The REB is impressed with their holistic approach to serving clients, proven track record addressing employers' needs, fundraising acumen, and partnership building. Some of their innovative approaches include the development of a successful program for long-term unemployed individuals, the creation of a mobile career center, and partnerships with both corporations and community organizations. We are excited to bring their expertise, knowledge, and resources to the region's businesses, workers, and job seekers.

Upon the completion of contract execution with The Workplace, the REB will arrange a time for Metro North partners to meet The Workplace leadership team. For more information about the REB's career center selection process, [please see the FAQ document](#).

Please note although there is a change in career center operators, the career centers and services will remain in operation under a new operator. The current operator will continue through September 30, 2017. The REB and The Workplace are dedicated to maintaining the local knowledge of the career center staff and continuing the valuable partnerships and relationships established in Metro North. We will provide more information about the transition in the coming months.

Please join me in welcoming The Workplace to the Metro North region. The REB is grateful to Middlesex Community College for its years of dedicated service in operating the Metro North career centers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Smith'.

Sandra Smith
Chair, Metro North Regional Employment Board

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