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**OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION - Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am  
CTWorks @ HPL, One-Stop Career Center at Hartford Public Library**

**Come hear how this partnership  
Is working together to help Hartford residents find jobs**

**Hartford, Connecticut (October 3, 2012)** - Capital Workforce Partners, the North Central Connecticut region's workforce board and Hartford Public Library have partnered to open a satellite Career Center, named **CTWorks @ HPL** at the Downtown Library location, 500 Main Street. The Center opened in July, and now with three months of activity, it has assisted over 1,000 individuals in their quests for jobs, training and career assistance.

***Join Hartford Mayor Pedro Segarra; Hartford Public Library Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Poland; Capital Workforce Partners President and CEO Thomas Phillips and Board Chair Charles Smith; successful job seekers and others as we celebrate this forward thinking partnership.***

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** has already begun broadening access to job seekers in the community with its ideal downtown location, and a host of in-house access to services already offered by Hartford Public Library.

Two CTWorks Career Agents are located at CTWorks @ HPL. Services offered include skills assessments, online job search assistance, career plan development, assistance with resume writing, counseling services and job referrals. One-on-one services are offered to help job seekers with career planning, referral to training and workshops, and job development and placement. These specific services are

available from 10 am to 8pm, Monday through Friday and now on Saturdays as well. This is the only CTWorks location where these expanded hours are available.

“Hartford Public Library is enthusiastic about the momentum to date at the new Career Center and its partnership with Capital Workforce Partners,” said Matt Poland, the Library’s chief executive officer. “The new center continues to leverage our existing job search programs and is committed to helping Hartford’s citizens find the jobs they need. For the first time ever, there is a full continuum of employment resources, from literacy classes to recruitment services, all in one place. I am confident this groundbreaking collaboration will result in hundreds of Hartford people getting back to work and starting fulfilling careers.”

“This partnership is getting some attention at the national level,” says Thomas Phillips, President and CEO of Capital Workforce Partners, “as budgets are narrowing, it is more important now than ever to find existing synergies to build from toward common goals – in this case, helping individuals find jobs and the training they may need for sustainable career futures. Broadened access to these combined services could not have come at a better time, especially for those in the South and West ends of the city. With impending workforce shortages in healthcare, manufacturing and other industry sectors, we need to equip Hartford’s talent pipeline with the skills they need, and what better a place to do that, than at our City’s downtown library.”

“There is no question that Hartford is growing and developing economically,” says Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra. “To sustain that growth, we need a workforce that is trained in the skills that are in demand now and will be in the future. Identifying efficiencies, increasing access to combined services and mutual commitments to Hartford residents is what Opportunities Hartford had in mind when it suggested this partnership. I am excited to see its progression.”

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.

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### **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](http://hplct.org) and the library’s new blog at [blogs.hplct.org](http://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](http://www.capitalworkforce.org) or call (860) 522-1111.