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New Jersey's Transportation, Logistics and Distribution Talent Network Launches Third Annual Industry Week to Highlight Career and Education Pathways

NEW BRUNSWICK, May 11, 2015 – The Christie Administration kicked off New Jersey's Transportation, Logistics and Distribution (TLD) Week at the Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick recently, bringing together employers, job-seekers, educators and students to highlight career opportunities and raise awareness about the important role the TLD industry plays in driving the Garden State economy.

"New Jersey's location between New York City and Philadelphia makes it one of the best areas in the nation for this industry cluster. We are within a day's drive of 40 percent of the United States population which purchases \$2 trillion in merchandise every year," said Commissioner Harold J. Wirths of the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development (LWD).

New Jersey's TLD Talent Network, created by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and operated by Rutgers University, will spearhead a week of activities taking place throughout the state. Monday's event focused on non-traditional career pathways for women. Upcoming events include learning more about TLD career pathways at Jersey Job Clubs in Thorofare and Toms River and a supply chain direct hiring event in Wayne.

TLD is one of seven Talent Networks created by the state Department of Labor to focus on the industry clusters employing more than two-thirds of Garden State workers and paying more than two-thirds of the annual wages. The TLD cluster employed 11.3 percent of private sector workers in 2013

LWD Assistant Commissioner Jeffrey Stoller helped to open TLD Week by presenting proclamations from Governor Christie declaring the week of May 11 as Transportation, Logistics and Distribution Week in New Jersey.

The Transportation, Logistics and Distribution Talent Network is one of seven Talent Networks created by the Department of Labor to focus on the industry clusters employing more than two-thirds of New Jersey workers and pay more than two-thirds of the wages paid annually. The other six industries led by New Jersey talent networks are:

Retail, Hospitality and Tourism; Life Sciences; Advanced Manufacturing; Financial Services; Technology and Entrepreneurship; Health Care.

The transportation, logistics and distribution industry cluster consists of industries within the wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing sectors. Occupations in this cluster generally fall in to one of five work areas: transportation and port operations, warehousing and distribution, maintenance, supply chain management and logistics, corporate administration, and wholesale trade.

Other events this week include:

May 12 – Jersey Job Club at the Gloucester County One-Stop Center in Thorofare

May 13 – Career Pathways at Toms River High School East in Toms River; Jersey Job Club at the One-Stop Center in Toms River; Supply Chain and Direct Hire and Education Event in Wayne

May 14 – The Need for Employer-Sponsored, Sector-Specific Curriculum at New Jersey City University in Jersey City

May 15 – Trenton TLD Toolkit Event at the Mercer County One-Stop Center in Trenton; Plainfield Jersey Job Club at the Union County One-Stop Center in Plainfield

For more information about the TLD Industry Week go to www.njtld.org.

For more information about New Jersey’s Talent Networks go to Jobs4Jersey.com and click on “Talent Networks.”



Dr. Carl Van Horn of the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, Assistant Commissioner Jeffrey Stoller and Greg Skelley, Director of the Transportation, Logistics and Distribution Talent Network at the TLD Industry Week Kick Off.