

Save the Date!!

Preparing our 21st Century Workforce: Community Strategies for Wealth Creation
Friday, October 27, 2006
9:00 am - 2:30 pm EST

Featuring
Futurist Ed Barlow
President, Creating the Future, Inc.
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Chattanooga Convention & Trade Center
One Carter Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

Fee is \$30 a person which includes continental breakfast & lunch.

To attend, make reservations with Mandy Taylor at 423.763.4366 or mtaylor@chattanooga.chamber.com by October 13.

Additional information is available at
www.CareerDepot.org.

**Georgia's Undocumented Workforce:
 Dilemmas in Law, Economy, and Society**

September 7 - 8, 2006
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Kennesaw State University Center

For information, contact the A. L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and Research at 770.423.6464 or burruss@kennesaw.edu.

TeachGeorgia Information
Tuesday, August 29, 2006, 10:00 am

Alternative Teacher Certification Routes
Employment Opportunities
Critical Shortage Fields
Teacher Supply & Demand

Georgia Department of Labor Career Center
1406 Chattanooga Avenue
Dalton, Georgia 30720
706.272.2301 or www.teachgeorgia.org

Information for Returning Troops

Gwen Dellinger, the Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Director, recently delivered 400 Information Packets to the 108th Armor headquarters in Calhoun. The Packets were distributed to National Guard units throughout Northwest Georgia.



L to R: Gwen Dellinger, Donna Blair, Family Resource; SSG Bryan Johnson; SSG John Jenkins; SGT Francisco Carrillo, Recruiter.

The troops, upon discharge from the Army, may be eligible for training and/or retraining assistance through the **Workforce Investment Program**, including a small stipend to help cover transportation and childcare costs. For more information about the services available, call 800.332.1965 or 706.295.6485.

E-Informer**Employer Law Guide:**

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has announced the availability of a newly revised edition of its *Employment Law Guide*. The *Employment Law Guide* describes in plain language the major employment laws and regulations enforced by DOL. The Guide is available in English or Spanish and is written in plain language to assist employers in developing wage, benefit, safety, health and nondiscrimination policies for their businesses.

Both English and Spanish versions of the *Guide* can be printed from or viewed on the DOL web site at www.dol.gov/compliance/guide/index.htm. A free English language bound copy of the *Guide* can be ordered by calling 1-866-4-USA-DOL.

New Job Classifications:

The **National Electrical Contractors Association** and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have created two new job classifications: Construction Wireman and Construction Electrician. The new classifications were designed to expand the pool of qualified electricians for construction projects. For more information, you may go to www.neca-ibewpresscenter.com.

Best Value Select Insurance

This July 1, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia began offering the **Blue Value Select** plan for Georgia workers affected by Trade Act layoffs. Workers affected by Trade related layoffs may call 1.800.718.8831 for more information about the plan.

Bridge Payment Program for Trade Affected Workers

The **Health Coverage Tax Credit Bridge (HCTC)** Payment Program was established to "bridge the gap" until the HCTC advance payment of 65% of the monthly premium of a qualified health plan takes affect. Beginning July 1, the Georgia Department of Labor will fund 65% of the qualified health insurance premiums for three months until the advance payments start. Workers affected by trade related layoffs may call 404.232.3672 for more information.

The chief business of the American People is Business. C. Collidge

Local Company Does Background Investigations

Professional Screening & Information, Inc., formerly Private Security & Investigations, Inc. (PSI) conducts background checks customized to each client's specific needs. Professional Screening & Information, Inc. is located in Rome, Georgia. They are a full service background check company providing services to large and small businesses, hospitals, government agencies, colleges and schools. In Georgia, many colleges and schools are required to have their students go through a background check before being admitted into various programs of study, such as in the health care arena. As a result, PSI has been providing background check services to these institutions of higher education to ensure compliance with various laws and hospital compliance requirements necessary to complete the clinical components of their programs.

The cost per student is generally \$47.00 for healthcare students, but may be less for others. For more information about the company and their services, please visit their website at www.psibackgroundcheck.com or call the office at 706-413-3729.

Northwest Georgia Employer Committee

The **Northwest Georgia Employer Committee** will be selling bricks for the **Catoosa Citizens' and Veterans' Memorial**, Benton Place Campus, Ringgold. Bricks are \$25 (Individual), \$100 (Commercial), and \$500 (Star).



The Northwest Georgia Employer Committee have taken on the Catoosa Citizens' & Veterans' Memorial, a tribute to citizens & veterans united in common support of America., as a current project.

Contributions are accepted from all Citizens and Veterans regardless of where they live, work, or serve. Names and locations of bricks are maintained at the Catoosa County Library. Framed prints of the Memorial are also on sale for \$35. For more information about the project or to purchase a brick, contact **Gail Summers**, Northwest Georgia Career Center, Gail.Summers@dol.state.ga.us or 706.861.1990.

The Few, The Proud

Congratulation to **James Bryan** who was named **Walker County's Veteran of the Year**. James works for the Northwest Georgia Career Center in Fort Oglethorpe and is their Local Veterans' Employment Representative. James served in the Marine Corps in Vietnam. Semper Fi, James.



James Bryan

The Business Informer is a publication of the Northwest Georgia WIB and the Coosa Valley / North Georgia Council of Chief Elected Officials. For more information about our business services contact Gwen Dellinger, Workforce Development Director, Coosa Valley RDC, PO Box 1793, Rome GA 30162-1793, 706.295.6485 or 800.332.1965 or Karen Howell, Workforce Development Coordinator, 706.277.7466, Vandy88@aol.com. Suggestions or articles to contribute - contact Karen.

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