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Open House Set for PA CareerLink® Northumberland/Snyder/Union Counties

Sunbury, PA – PA CareerLink® Northumberland/Snyder/Union Counties has announced plans to officially celebrate the opening of its new location at 225 Market Street on Wednesday, January 18, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Attendees can learn more about the services offered to employers and job seekers through a site tour and discussions with PA CareerLink® staff. Invitees include local officials, business leaders and the general public. The event will include an official ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 pm coordinated by the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Open since July 5, 2011, the Sunbury office resulted from a merger of PA CareerLink® locations in Shamokin and Selinsgrove. The centralized Sunbury location provides convenient access to a large number of job seekers and employers from the three-county area.

The Open House coincides with the January 1, 2012 implementation of the work search requirement for all new unemployment compensation (UC) claimants. Act 6 of 2011, signed into law by Governor Corbett on June 17, 2011, requires UC claimants to demonstrate that they are actively searching for work in order to maintain their eligibility for weekly benefits. All new claimants are required to register for employment services with the Pennsylvania CareerLink® system (www.cwds.state.pa.us) within 30 days of applying for benefits and then may choose several ways, including accessing additional PA CareerLink® services, to meet and document weekly requirements.

PA CareerLink® staff can help employers understand how these new requirements may affect their applicant pool and what services are available to help them best match qualified workers to open positions.

PA CareerLink® staff provides personalized assistance for individuals preparing for and locating employment opportunities through job search resources, interactive job preparation workshops and career assessments including the ability to earn a National Career Readiness Certificate powered by WorkKeys®. A wide range of employment-related services to help all employers locate, recruit, screen and hire qualified candidates are available, including labor market information, staff assistance to market job openings, job matching to identify qualified, skilled workers and job seeker screening.

Regular business hours for the Sunbury location are Monday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. More information is available at www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us or by calling 570.988.7300. In cooperation with the City of Sunbury, complementary customer parking is located adjacent to the building.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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