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CareerOneStop's Regional Economic Development Web Page

Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development is a groundbreaking approach to workforce and economic development. Through the WIRED model, regions integrate economic and workforce development activities and demonstrate that talent development can drive economic transformation in regional economies across the United States.
<http://maps.servicelocator.org/red/>

Census Bureau Releases Educational Attainment In The United States-2007

The Census Bureau has released Educational Attainment in the United States: 2007. The on-line volume contains a series of data tables on educational trends and attainment levels. Data are shown by characteristics, such as age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, marital status, labor force status, occupation, industry and nativity.
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/educ-attn.html>

International Workforce News: China's Tangled New Labor Law

China's new employment law effective Jan. 1 attempts to provide greater protection and benefits for more workers. But what we are already seeing is the creativity of employers to find ways to circumvent the new rules to avoid being saddled with higher costs.
http://www.forbes.com/opinions/2008/01/11/straszheim-china-labor-oped-cx_dhs_0114straszheim.html

Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program: ETA Proposes Revision To Information Collection; Seeks Comments By March 10

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has proposed the extension, with revisions, of the collection of information and use of program materials for the consolidated Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program.
http://www.workforceatm.org/articles/template.cfm?results_art_filename=wotcchanges.htm

ETA Announces Web Pages Addressing Conformity Requirements For State Unemployment Compensation Laws

ETA Announces Web Pages Addressing Conformity Requirements For State Unemployment Compensation Laws Federal law establishes certain conformity and compliance requirements for the Unemployment Compensation (UC) program. The Social Security Act and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act set forth a series of requirements that state laws must contain in order for employers to receive credit against the Federal unemployment tax and for the state to receive Federal UC administrative grants. To assist state agency staff,

legislators and their staffs, stakeholders, and other interested parties to understand the requirements of Federal UC law, the Employment and Training Administration has created a series of web pages describing these requirements in "plain English." Training and Employment Notice 24-07 provides full background, "action required," and contact information.
<http://workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/conformity.asp>
http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?docn=2576

Workforce Shortage Is Real, But Solutions Must Be Creative

In the view of Ed Gordon, author of *The 2020 Meltdown: Solving the Impending Jobs Crisis*, the forthcoming IT workforce shortage is a legitimate worry. Millions of Americans who are unemployed do not have the right talent for the jobs that need to be filled, with many people earning college degrees that are not translating into decent employment. There now are four million jobs empty, Gordon said, and half of them are highly skilled positions that require specialized technology training and education.
<http://wistechology.com/article.php?id=4433>

Kansas/Missouri: Job Market Appears Strong For 2008 Graduates

There are more job offers for college graduates with accounting degrees than there are qualified graduating students to fill them. Ditto for physical, occupational and speech therapists. And engineering grads - any kind. Those are some of the hottest jobs for students who will earn bachelor's degrees in May 2008, according to interviews with managers of college career services offices in the Kansas City area.
<http://www.kansascity.com/business/story/441976.html>. Ohio: Layoffs Hit More Older Workers Those over 50 filed majority of complaints in Ohio, OSU study says. http://www.columbusdispatch.com/live/content/business/stories/2008/01/13/AGE_DISCRIMINATION.ART_ART_01-13-08_D1_A691B50.html?sid=101

Mark Your Calendars! Registration Is Now Open For These Conferences:

Conference Name Date City Registration end!—
NASWA 2007 Annual
Conference September 18-21, 2007 Hartford,
Connecticut Early bird registration ends Au-
gust 27. NASWA LMI Directors' National Con-
ference October 1-4, 2007 Seattle, Washing-
ton NEW DEADLINE: Registration
deadline is now September 14!--- 2007 Na-
tional UI Directors' Conference and Legal Is-
sues Forum October 22-25, 2007 Nashua,
New Hampshire NEW DEADLINE: Early Bird
rate now ends September 28. Check or PO #
needs to be received by September 28. Mark
your calendars for the NASWA 2007 Annual
Conference in Hartford, Connecticut. Regis-
tration is now

open. For more information and to
register for the conference, please click here.--
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suggestLink.cfm](http://www.workforceatm.org/suggestLink.cfm).

New York: Helping Re-Launchers Back Into The Workforce

With growing numbers of parents opting to
step out of the for-pay work world to stay
home with their children, there's also growing
interest in just how they'll pick up their ca-
reers once the time is right. That's just what
the new "Opting Back In" three-day program
at Baruch College's Zicklin School of Business
in Manhattan is designed to address. Geared
to women, but certainly welcoming men, the
program joins a growing but small number of
others around the country - including those at

the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, the
Harvard Business School and the Wharton
School of Business - to help proven profession-
als who've stepped out for three years or more
to determine their next steps, get up to speed
with new developments in the business world
and review such areas as resume writing, net-
working and negotiating skills.
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