

### HOT TOPICS THIS MONTH

- Federal Update:** WIA Rescission significantly impacts New York
- NYC Business Solutions** awards nearly \$1 Million dollars in Training Funds
- Research Director is Hired** for NYC Labor Market Service
- Best Wishes to Susan Arroyo!**

#### CITY AWAITS IMPACT OF FUNDING REDUCTIONS

In December, President Bush signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008, a spending bill that contained a \$250 million rescission of prior year WIA funds and a 1.7% reduction to the Program Year 2008 WIA formula allocation. New York City funds at risk for rescission had been intended to support new initiatives. As such, SBS projects that the funding reductions will result in the inability to launch new initiatives rather than cuts to existing programs. Once federal and state officials clarify the impact of the funding reductions, WIB staff will provide an update to members.

#### NYC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS TRAINING AWARDS NEARLY \$1,000,000

On December 17th, SBS awarded seven businesses a total of \$995,125 in NYC Business Solutions Training Funds, the business-driven training grant program allowing employers to develop customized training programs to increase the skills and advancement opportunities for their employees. The projects selected will provide occupational training for 877 employees in NYC firms, including 135 new hires. Ninety-nine percent of trainees are expected to earn wage gains.

#### NYC LABOR MARKET INFORMATION SERVICE HIRES NEW RESEARCH DIRECTOR

After an intensive interview process, the WIB and CUNY selected Ms. Lesley Hirsch as the Research Director for the NYC Labor Market Information Service (LMIS) in January 2008. Lesley has over 15 years of experience serving in technical, management and advisory capacities on evaluation and research projects. We are excited to introduce Lesley and provide an in-depth overview of the LMIS at the next Quarterly Meeting on March 12th.

#### BEST WISHES TO SUSAN ARROYO!

After more than thirty-five years of City service, Susan Arroyo retired on January 18th! As the WIB Policy Manager, Susan was key to the success of a number of workforce initiatives during her tenure, and was the critical link between the Workforce Policy Committee and the New York City Operator Consortium. Although she will be greatly missed, we wish her all the best in her retirement!



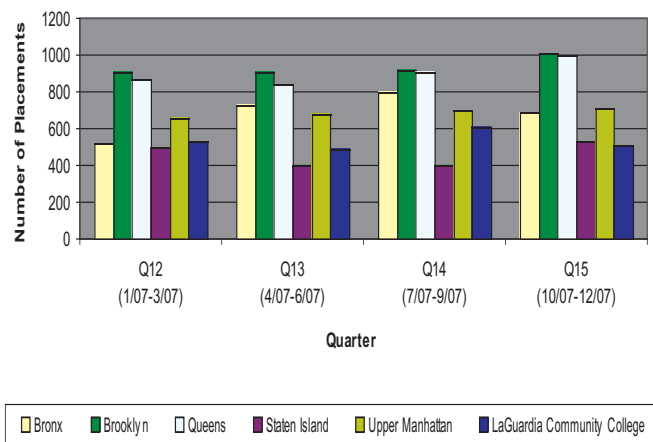
#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Feb. 14th Workforce Policy Committee
- Feb. 21st Executive Committee
- Mar. 6th Youth Council/Board Meeting
- Mar. 12th WIB Quarterly Meeting

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### SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

Workforce1 Career Center Placements



### ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

| Industry                                | Employment (000s) |        |                         |                    |
|---|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|   | Nov-07            | Oct-07 | Change From Prev. Month | Change From Nov-06 |
| <b>FIRE</b>                             | 474               | 475    | (1)                     | 10                 |
| Finance and Insurance                   | 355               | 355    | (0)                     | 10                 |
| Real Estate                             | 120               | 120    | (0)                     | 0                  |
| <b>SERVICES</b>                         | 1,916             | 1,916  | 0                       | 34                 |
| Information                             | 166               | 165    | 1                       | 2                  |
| Professional & Business                 | 592               | 592    | 0                       | 16                 |
| Educational                             | 150               | 151    | (1)                     | (2)                |
| Health & Social Assistance              | 561               | 560    | 2                       | 13                 |
| Arts & Entertainment                    | 65                | 65     | (0)                     | 2                  |
| Accommodation & Food                    | 226               | 228    | (2)                     | 3                  |
| Other                                   | 156               | 155    | 1                       | 1                  |
| <b>TRADE</b>                            | 438               | 438    | (0)                     | 2                  |
| Retail                                  | 292               | 293    | (0)                     | 4                  |
| Wholesale                               | 146               | 146    | 0                       | (2)                |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b>                    | 99                | 99     | (1)                     | (5)                |
| <b>TRANSPORTATION &amp; UTILITY</b>     | 125               | 126    | (0)                     | 3                  |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION</b>                     | 126               | 126    | 0                       | 6                  |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>                    | 3,179             | 3,181  | (1)                     | 50                 |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b>                       | 561               | 559    | 1                       | 4                  |
| <b>TOTAL (Private &amp; Government)</b> | 3,740             | 3,740  | 0                       | 55                 |

Source: New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL). Figures are seasonally adjusted and subject to rounding.