

Mayor Bloomberg and US Secretary of Labor Solis Announce New York City Will Use Stimulus Funds to Train 10,000 New Yorkers for Jobs



On May 28, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and US Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis announced New York City will use nearly \$32 million of federal stimulus funding received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to provide additional job training and placement services for 10,000 New Yorkers over the next two years. The funding will be directed to new and existing programs offered through New York City's Workforce1 Career Centers in all five boroughs. Providing job training for New Yorkers and helping place them in jobs is a central part of the City's *Five Borough Economic Opportunity Plan* to create jobs for New Yorkers today, implement a vision for long-term economic growth, and build affordable, attractive neighborhoods.

Mayor Bloomberg and Secretary Solis toured the City's Queens Workforce1 Career Center on Jamaica Avenue before the announcement. They were joined by Senate Majority Leader Malcolm A. Smith, Council Members Leroy Comrie, David Weprin and Thomas White, Jr., New York City Small Business Services Commissioner **Robert W. Walsh**, New York State Labor Department Commissioner M. Patricia Smith and New York City Workforce Investment Board WIB Chairman **Stuart Saft**.

"Six years ago, we reorganized our job preparation and placement services, combining them to connect the New Yorkers that need jobs with the businesses that need employees and placing a new emphasis on practical job training," said Mayor Bloomberg. "Last year, that helped us provide job training to more New Yorkers and place more of them in jobs than ever before. We committed to doing even more training and placements this year, and now we'll use these stimulus dollars to expand our reach even further. I want to thank Secretary Solis and the Obama Administration, New York City's Congressional delegation, and our many public and private partners for joining with us to do everything we can to keep New York City working."

"During these tough economic times, investing in our workers is job one," said Secretary Solis. "I'm pleased that New York City will be using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to assist more than 10,000 residents find jobs and receive training. The \$31.7 million dollars we are announcing today represents an unprecedented investment in the people and the future of New York City. As Secretary of Labor, I know that these funds will give workers the training and services they need to obtain employment in high-demand industries."

Labor Market Information:

The City's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate slipped slightly in April to 8.0 percent from 8.1 percent in March, which is still 3.2 percentage points higher than the April 2008 rate. Private sector employment in New York City fell by 93,600, or 2.9 percent, to 3,136,700 for the 12-month period ending April 2009.

Growth was largest in:

- Educational and health services (+16,200) and other services (+2,300).

Financial activities lost jobs over the year (-26,200), as did manufacturing (-14,700), professional and business services (-25,600), natural resources, mining and construction (-12,000), trade, transportation and utilities (-21,000) and leisure and hospitality (-11,300).

Source: James Brown, NYSDOL Employment In New York State

US Secretary of Labor Solis Visits an Out-of-School Youth Program and Workforce1 Career Center

On May 28, Secretary Solis had the opportunity to witness firsthand the success of our system by visiting both a Youth and an Adult program in action. This visit highlighted how the nearly \$61 million in ARRA funds will be implemented and complement our City's current WIA programing. She toured a unique Out-of-School Youth program at the International Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 28 in Queens, where she met a number of enthusiastic participants. She also heard from several providers from the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) who

are gearing up for a busy summer – SYEP has received over 139,000 applications for 51,000 slots.

Congratulations to Commissioner **Robert Walsh** and Commissioner **Jeanne Mullgrav** and their teams for leading such an outstanding day. Thank you to WIB Chair **Stuart Saft** and WIB Youth Council Chair **Reg Foster** for their representation and participation in all of the day's activities. Finally, we would like to recognize the outstanding efforts of the WIB staff, in particular Stephanie Martinez, for pulling together a seamless visit.

Mayor Bloomberg and Governor Paterson, Announce \$29 Million in Federal Stimulus Funding to Support More Than 17,378 Summer Jobs and Internships for New York City Youth



Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Governor David A. Paterson, and Department of Youth and Community Development **Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav** announced on May 9 that New York City will use \$29.02 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support 17,378 slots for summer youth employment programs, summer internships, and other programs for youth. The bulk of the funds—\$18.5 million—will enhance the SYEP, a seven-week job program for New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24. This will provide jobs for a total of more than 51,000 young people in New York City's SYEP - 8,000 more than in 2008. Because CVS/pharmacy has agreed to hire SYEP participants at almost all of their New York City locations, the Mayor, Governor, and legislators made this announcement at CVS's flagship store in Manhattan.

"None of us forget our first job, and these federal funds will

support employment opportunities designed to provide young people with the fundamental skills they need to succeed in the working world," said Mayor Bloomberg. "I want to thank President Obama and our congressional delegation for making sure that New York City receives the resources we need to give the next generation an economic jump-start. Stimulus funds will create summer jobs for 13,378 youth that will have a real impact on the lives and financial prospects of young people and their families in all five boroughs."

Joining in the announcement were, House Ways and Means Committee Chair Charles B. Rangel, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Congressman Gregory Meeks, Congressman Anthony Weiner, State Senate Majority Leader Malcolm Smith, Councilman Lew Fidler and WIB Executive Director, Phil Weinberg.

The WIB and NYCLMIS Release Industry Group Profiles at the NYCETC Summit

On May 18, the New York City Workforce Investment Board's (WIB) New York City Labor Market Information Service (NYCLMIS) introduced a series of new industry group profiles at the New York City Employment and Training Coalition's (NYCETC) 2009 Summit and Expo. NYCLMIS selected the industry groups as an outgrowth of its systematic assessment of the labor market in *Gauging Employment Prospects in New York City, 2009* issued earlier this year. The profiles contain information about job and wage trends, the largest local employers, employment retention during previous recessions, occupational opportunities for individuals without a four-year college degree, and current

workforce facts. The information can be used by workforce development professionals for business development, job placement, career counseling, and curriculum planning. Jobseekers can also use the information contained in the profiles to help make career decisions. The profiles are resources that enable the New York City Department of Small Business Services, other City agencies, and providers to identify key areas of growth and change in the City's job market and to help target industries offering opportunities for jobseekers. The profiles are now available for download from the NYCLMIS and the WIB (www.urbanresearch.org and www.nyc.gov/wib) websites.

WIB Member and Guest Event at Bazzini

The WIB would like to warmly thank **Rocco Damato** for his hospitality and leadership in hosting the May WIB Member gathering, as well those who attended. The event was aimed to bring members together to socialize and introduce guests to the Board. Over the next quarter, we will be leaning on the Board to support our employer recruitment efforts, so look out for more events. If you are interested in hosting a WIB event please contact Phil Weinberg at pweinberg@sbs.nyc.gov.



New WIB Member Nominations Now Being Accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for WIB members who represent private sector employers. Preference will be given to senior executives from businesses that utilize the City's public workforce system, as well as those that increase Board representation among the five boroughs. To nominate qualified candidates, please contact Deldreana Peterkin at Dpeterkin@sbs.nyc.gov