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The U.S. Department of Labor Awards the Full Employment Council \$4.99 Million for Job Training and Employment in HealthCare and HealthCare Information Technology

IT'S A HIT FOR GREATER KANSAS CITY!

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“Just-in-time training for in-demand careers” is a primary focus for the Full Employment Council, One Stop Operator of the Missouri Career Center.

Providing streamlined training offered throughout the year to accommodate people’s schedules is becoming more of a trend, as unemployment rises, and people are looking to learn new skills that will provide them with more career options.

To support those efforts, on Fri., Feb. 12, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II, Missouri’s Fifth District, held a press conference

at the Full Employment Council/ Missouri Career Center headquarters, announcing that the U.S. Department of Labor awarded more than \$225 million in health care and high growth training grants, nationwide, funded by of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The grants included three in St. Louis, Kansas City and Neosho, Mo., totaling \$13.2 million. Of that total, \$4.99 million was awarded to the Full Employment Council for bi-state job training in the areas of health care and healthcare information technology.



Congressman Cleaver holds a press conference at the Full Employment Council to announce healthcare grant.

“Healthcare is a good place to spend money,” said U.S. Representative Emanuel Cleaver, II.

BY THE NUMBERS FEBRUARY 2010

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- Total customers served at the Full Employment Council/ MO Career Center: 34,106
- Civilian Labor Force: 553,620
- Employed: 497,524
- Unemployed: 56,096
- Unemployment Rate: 10.1%

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Statistics, as of February 2010

Celebrating 25 Years...

Celebrating 25 years, the Full Employment Council is planning a regionally-focused, one-day event, currently referred to as the “Workforce Dialogue.”

The event will combine our traditional Jobs Breakfast activities with a substantive,

facilitated seminar among small business owners, corporate executives, economists and financial experts, community and civic leaders and elected officials.

The thrust of the seminar will be to build upon the national objective of new jobs development.

In addition, a “25 Years in Review” awards dinner will chronicle the evolution of the FEC, and recognize those who have made lasting contributions or benefited from the workforce development system.

The event is slated for October 2010.

A NOTE FROM THE
PRESIDENT & CEO:
CLYDE MCQUEEN



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CALL TO ACTION

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY *The question most commonly asked when people come to our offices is, "Who's hiring?"*

While we're seeing a slow increase in job openings, the fact remains that many people are unemployed and struggling to make ends meet for their families.

Unemployment is a reality for many people from variety of backgrounds and skill levels.

For 25 years, the Full Employment Council, One-Stop Operator of the Missouri Career Center, has responded to the workforce challenges that affect the communities we serve. Now, more than ever, we would like reaffirm our goal that we're working daily to have a positive impact by way of our services and programs.

This newsletter is a CALL TO ACTION that we must all continue to work together to address the current workforce issues. Putting people back to work is our aim, and partnering with local businesses and organizations to employ a skilled workforce is the most important measure we strive to reach every day.

GKC HHIT, cont.: *One of 55 Grants Awarded Out of 800 Applications Submitted, Nationally; First Ever Bi-State Employment and Training Program Administered by the Full Employment Council*

The grants, as stated by the U.S. Department of Labor are "aimed at training health care and information technology workers for 'jobs of the future,'" stated Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis last week in Washington, D.C.

During the press conference, U.S. Representative

Cleaver said that health care is a good place to spend taxpayer money. "It's one of the areas of need," he said. "We're still hiring in the health care industry, while jobs in almost every other field are stagnant or dropping."

For the first time in its 25 year history, the Full Employment Council will lead and administer a bi-state employment and training

program in partnership with the Workforce Partnership in Kansas. GKC HHIT will support Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri, and Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.

For more information, regarding GKC HHIT, please call Dovusher Buckles at 816-471-2330.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: FORD 20/20 TASK FORCE

The Full Employment Council is currently working with a collaborative group of partners, ranging from state, city and county officials to area auto dealers and parts suppliers, to create a strategy of continued growth and success for Ford Motor Company's Kansas City Assembly Plant.

The primary focus points are to ensure local workforce steps are taken, while analyzing the competitive environment for competing locations, all of

whom are vying for the manufacturer's possible plant relocation.

The Full Employment Council and its partners, organized as the Ford 20/20 Task Force, are creating a step-by-step process to define the economic impact of the local facility. The overall plan is to utilize the facts from the research to propose amendments to existing tax and cost structures that would aid the manufacturer in stabilizing

and growing its local business.

In August 2009, Ford added shifts at plants in Missouri and Michigan to meet the demand for the fuel-efficient Ford Escape and F-150.

With the continued strong demand for these two vehicles, along with the task force's efforts, the overall goal is to provide a holistic business retention plan for Ford to maintain its assembly plant in Kansas City, Mo.

Four out of eight FEC offices on average saw 26,566 customer monthly. The number of customers receiving services at Missouri Career Center within the region grew from 21,213 in July 2008 to a peak of 32,134 in April 2009, and ending the year at 30,345 in June 2009; a gain of 9,222 job seekers.

IMPACT: Counting the Cause

DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM: ON-SITE CAREER CENTER AT AMERICAN AIRLINES KANSAS CITY OVERHAUL BASE

The Full Employment Council, in coordination with the Department of Economic Development's Division of Workforce Development (DWD), are providing services to displaced workers in need of assistance at the American Airlines Kansas City Overhaul Base. Dedicated Response Team members have been assigned to provide worker transition models, re-employment engagement strategies, labor market research and training opportunities.

"The Full Employment Council stands ready to aid in the transition of everyone affected by the impending closure of the American Airlines Kansas City Overhaul Base," said Clyde McQueen, president of the Full Employment Council. "We have established an on-site career

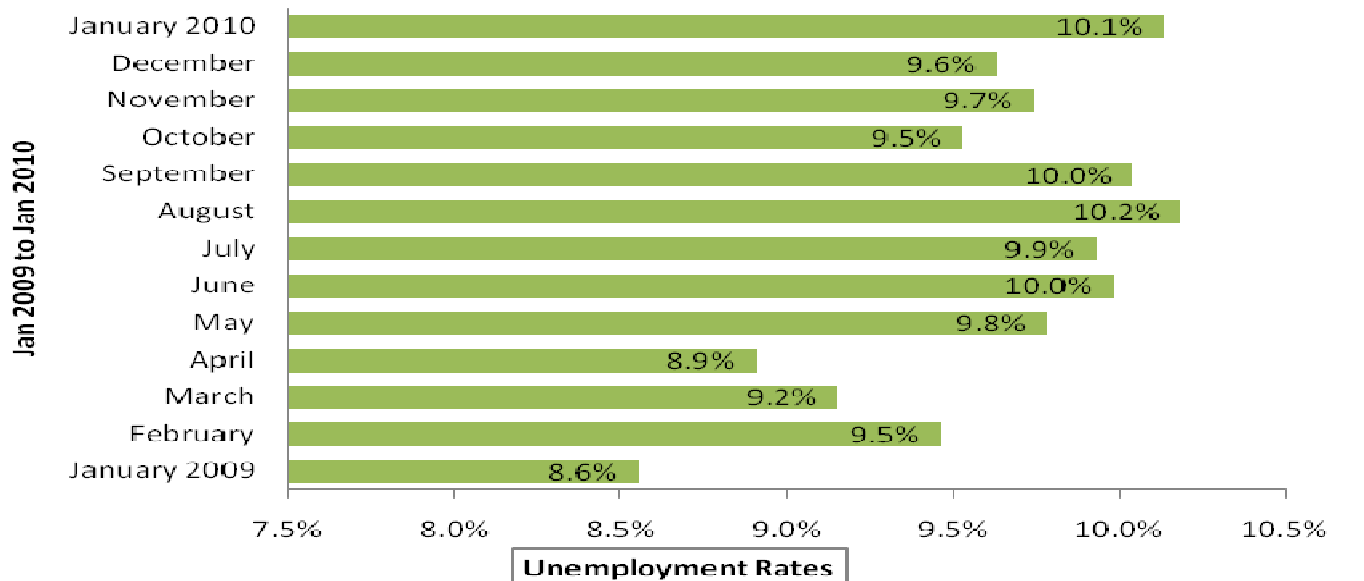
center at the maintenance facility, and the Response Team will be prepared to receive and support all eligible individuals by providing direct services, resources and training opportunities."

Services available include, career assessment and counseling, resume writing and interview training, as well as information about in-demand occupations, job search methods and training grants.

For more information about the American Airlines program at the Full Employment Council/Missouri Career Center, please contact Kristi Kielty, career development executive and project coordinator at the Full Employment Council, 816-464-4620.

JOBS REPORT: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE JANUARY 2009 TO JANUARY 2010

INCLUDES COMBINED DATA FROM ALL PROGRAMS IN KANSAS CITY & VICINITY AND EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY



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| 1. COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYSTS | 458 |
| 2. REGISTERED NURSES | 425 |
| 3. CUSTOMER SERVICE | 243 |
| 4. INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGERS | 201 |
| 5. SALES MANAGERS | 170 |
| 6. COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS | 146 |
| 7. SUPERVISORS/MANAGEMENT RETAIL SALES | 131 |
| 8. RETAIL SALESPERSONS | 129 |
| 9. GENERAL AND OPERATIONS MANAGERS | 101 |
| 10. COMPUTER SOFTWARE ENGINEERS | 95 |

JOBS REPORT: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY CITY AND COUNTY JANUARY 2010

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