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Launch of NEworks Meets Priorities for Nebraska's Continued Economic Vitality *New Job Website Connects Employers and Jobseekers*

LINCOLN - Commissioner of Labor, Catherine D. Lang, and Richard Baier, Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development announced the launch of NEworks, a new website providing a single interactive portal to jobs and labor market information in Nebraska.

The development of NEworks is one of the Talent Advantage Initiatives identified in Nebraska's Competitive Advantage Assessment and Strategy prepared by Battelle Technology Partnership in September 2010. "NEworks bridges the connection between employers and jobseekers, with specific emphasis on connecting students and graduates with employer needs in targeted, high skill occupations," noted Director Baier.

On average, NEworks has over 20,000 active real-time jobs available. "Instead of navigating a smaller pool of jobs on multiple sites, our site subscribes to all of the other search engines," said Commissioner Lang. "Jobseekers can now access listings from other employment sites, such as Monster, CareerBuilder, government and corporate websites, and newspaper job postings through one easy-to-use portal."

Besides searching for jobs, jobseekers can also register for employment services, complete skill assessments, and find training opportunities. Tools enable them to prepare cover letters, build or import a resume. The system finds jobs automatically based on specified criteria and alerts the jobseeker of available jobs via email or text message notifications.

For employers, NEworks features a virtual recruiter that scans available applicants by skill, education, certifications, hiring preferences and other talent criteria, and refers top candidates to employers who can then create, maintain, rank, and automatically update their own database of candidates.

NEworks offers access to a comprehensive database of labor market information. Users can research high-growth industries, skill requirements, in-demand jobs, etc., by region, town, zip code, county, metropolitan area or statewide, enabling jobseekers and employers to understand the characteristics of a labor market.

NEworks is also the new case management tool utilized by the Department of Labor's seventeen career centers. All services provided to employers and jobseekers, whether self-service or staff-assisted, are tracked through the system to improve performance measures and support economic growth initiatives.

Whether the user is seeking a job or recruiting a worker, the technology's robust and dynamic features streamline the entire employment process and deliver positive employment outcomes for Nebraska citizens and employers. With universal 24/7 access, NEworks is available from any computer or internet-enabled device at: <https://neworks.nebraska.gov/>.

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