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## L&I Launches Redesigned PA CareerLink® Website to Help Pennsylvanians Find Work

**Harrisburg, PA** – The Department of Labor & Industry Secretary is launching a redesigned PA CareerLink® website today that makes it easier than ever for Pennsylvania workers, employers and workforce development groups to connect to vital job search and career development tools.

"L&I is focused on training Pennsylvanian workers for the new economy emerging in the wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic," said Labor & Industry Secretary Jerry Oleksiak. "To accomplish this, we're modernizing and upgrading our job search and reskilling programs. We began with redesigning the <a href="PA CareerLink">PA CareerLink</a>® website to be more user friendly for users, which is important because even before the pandemic, the job search and application process has moved almost entirely online for most businesses."

The redesigned PA CareerLink® website focuses on accessibility and features an enhanced candidate sourcing and application process, which will simplify the hiring process for jobseekers and employers alike. It also makes other key resources more easily accessible, including links to the search pages for trainings, apprenticeships, and internships, as well as adult education resources, the Employment, Advancement and Retention Network (EARN), and benefits through PA Compass.

Secretary Oleksiak also reminded everyone about the valuable free services that PA CareerLink® provides to help workers access job search and training assistance, and help employers find the skilled workers they need to succeed.

"Virtual PA CareerLink® services have been provided continuously for job seekers and employers, including adult education classes, career counseling, and on-the-job training programs," said Secretary Oleksiak. "Most PA CareerLinks® have begun taking limited inperson appointments as well. I encourage everyone to use the valuable free services that they provide."

To schedule an appointment for limited on-site services, please contact your local PA CareerLink® office. Find your county's contact information by visiting <a href="https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov">www.pacareerlink.pa.gov</a>.

To protect the health and safety of customers and staff and to continue following COVID-19 social distancing and mitigation recommendations, UC courtesy telephones will not be available in PA CareerLink® offices until further notice.

Launched in July 2012, PA CareerLink® is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry's initiative to transform the landscape of how job seekers find family sustaining jobs and how employers find the skilled candidates that they need, by serving as a one-stop shop for many related services.

For more information, including <u>COVID-19</u> employment opportunities in the commonwealth, visit <u>www.pacareerlink.pa.gov</u>.

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