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Fourth Annual Workforce Development Awards Announced

COLUMBUS, OHIO – In honor of Workforce Services Month, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is pleased to announce the 2010 Workforce Development Award Winners.

Workforce Development Awards recognize the achievements of Ohio’s One-Stop Centers, which are local facilities that provide job training, job search assistance and other employment services to Ohioans in all 88 counties.

“One-Stop Centers provide crucial job search and training programs that help Ohioans find their next job opportunity,” said ODJFS Director Douglas Lumpkin. “September is Workforce Services Month, and I am proud to honor the staff and administrators who play such an important role in their communities.”

Local workforce development professionals from around Ohio chose this year’s Workforce Development Award winners based on six categories: business services, local workforce investment boards, best practices, customer services, outstanding employer and veterans’ services.

The 2010 winners are the Business Outreach Team of Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, Lake County Workforce Development Board, Employment netWork (Lorain County), Employment Source (Stark and Tuscarawas Counties), M-7 Technologies (Mahoning and Columbiana Counties), and Sources Northwest Ohio Veterans Services Team (Lucas County).

Ohio’s 90 local One-Stop Centers are designed to assist job seekers, employers and youth with a wide range of workforce-related services. Every One-Stop office offers job search assistance, employee recruitment, job training and much, much more. One-Stop staff match job seekers with businesses looking to hire and help laid-off workers learn new skills. Contact information for all Ohio’s One-Stop Centers is available online at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/owd/wia/wiamap.stm>.

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Editor’s Note: A description of awards and a list of recipients is attached.

2010 Workforce Development Awards

2010 Business Services Team of the Year

Description: This award honors the local One-Stop Business Team that distinguished itself through exemplary customer service from July 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010.

Recipient: Business Outreach Team of Mahoning and Columbiana Counties

Note: This is the second time that this team was selected to receive this award.

2010 Local Workforce Investment Board of the Year

Description: This award honors the local Workforce Investment Board (WIB) that distinguished itself through exemplary leadership in workforce development from July 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010.

Recipient: Lake County Workforce Development Board

2010 One-Stop Best Practice Award

Description: This award recognizes the most creative and successful innovation implemented or practiced by a local One-Stop Center from July 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010.

Recipient: The Stimulate Your Career Program – The Employment netWork (Lorain County)

2010 One-Stop Customer Service Award

Description: This award honors the local One-Stop Center that distinguished itself through exemplary customer service to both employers and job seekers from July 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010.

Recipient: The Employment Source (Stark and Tuscarawas Counties)

Note: This is the third time that this team was selected to receive this award.

2010 Outstanding Employer of the Year

Description: This award honors the employer that distinguished itself through its support of, and participation in, Ohio's One-Stop System from July 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010.

Recipient: M-7 Technologies (Columbiana and Mahoning Counties)

2010 Veterans Services Team of the Year

Description: This award honors the local One-Stop Veterans Services Team that distinguished itself through exemplary customer service from July 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010.

Recipient: The Source Northwest Ohio Veterans Services Team (Lucas County)

Note: This is the second time that this team was selected to receive this award.