

# Connecticut Workforce Investment Boards



Preparing Connecticut's Workforce



## Five Boards – One Mission

**THE NORTHWEST  
REGIONAL WORKFORCE  
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We develop a competitive workforce to meet the needs of our partners in Connecticut businesses by creating opportunities through education, training and job readiness.  
**Workforce Boards Keep Connecticut Competitive.**

**FACT: Double digit unemployment in our cities – plus twice as many people with college degrees unemployed within the past year.**

- Workforce Boards prepare unemployed and under-skilled workers to succeed in the next round of employment – 80% of our clients retain their new jobs

**FACT: 70,000 CT workers are expected to exhaust unemployment benefits by year end. After 99 weeks on unemployment, many people are considered unemployable.**

- Workforce Boards work with the private sector, education and government to have a pipeline of workers ready to participate in an improved economy

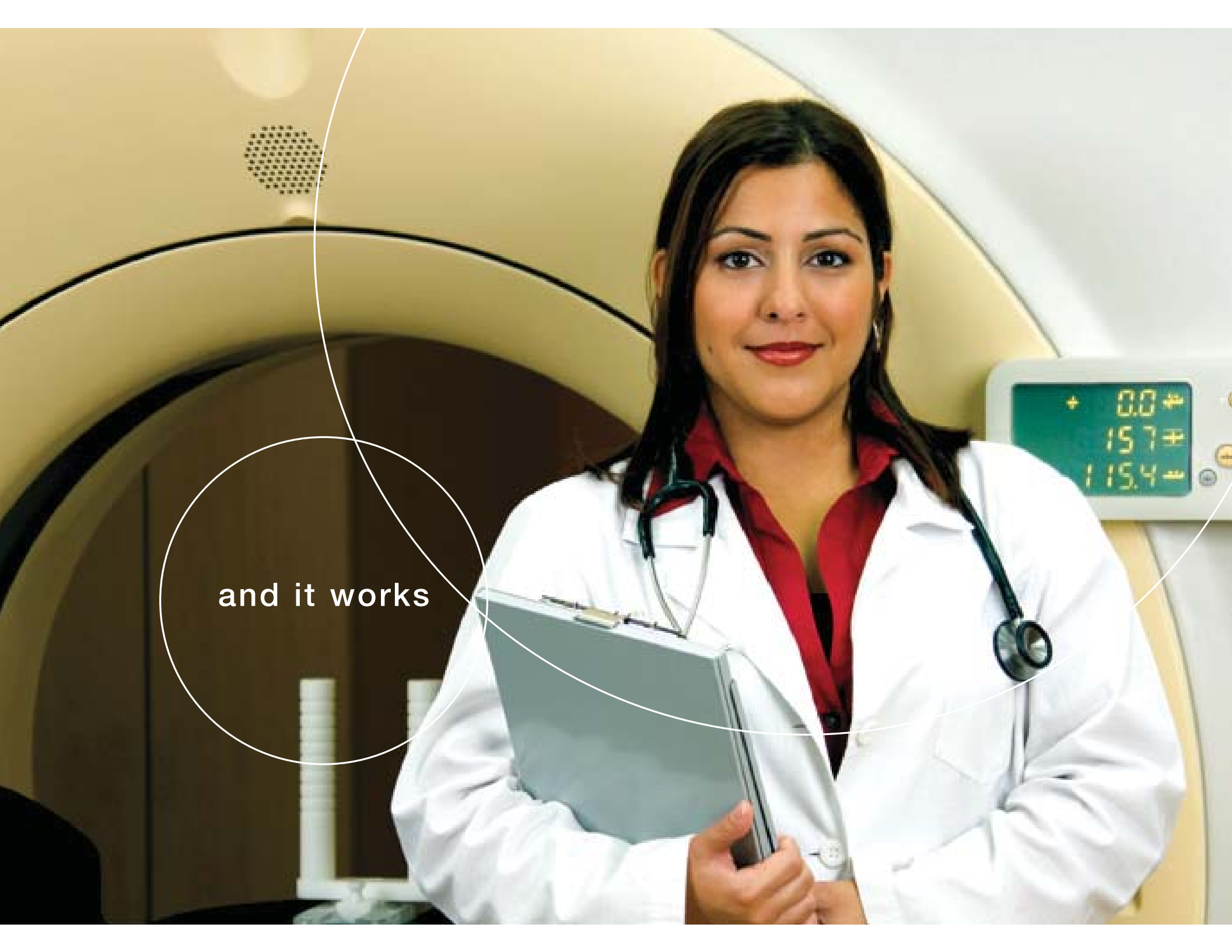
**FACT: Job Recovery is moving slowly. CT lost 100,000 jobs. It could take years to regain them.**

- Wise investment in training for leading edge industries, and a nimble, responsive coalition of Workforce Boards and educators can improve the odds for CT workers and businesses

## We partner with employers...

- Building strategic, industry-specific partnerships between employers and education to fill needed jobs
- Mobilizing Rapid Response Teams including local, state and federal resources to help Dislocated Workers
- Training workers for Connecticut's high growth industries
- Upgrading the skills of existing workers for tomorrow's jobs and new technologies





and it works





## We help drive the state's economy

- Creating new ways to train and retain employees, by collaborating with companies, trade associations and training institutions
- Training and placing hundreds of individuals in traditional and emerging trades through Construction Jobs Initiatives and Jobs Funnels
- Anticipating the demands of a changing workforce
- Providing information employers can use, including sought after labor market information

We help to build...





opportunities

## In the past year, we have...



- Overseen the operation of CTWorks Career Centers in towns and cities throughout the state, providing services to over 100,000 Connecticut residents and businesses
- Invested millions of Federal workforce development funds in occupational training and career services
- Won millions in competitive grants and raised private contributions leveraging the public investment in the state's workforce.



developed  
solutions



We understand...



## the workforce challenges we face

- High unemployment rates, unemployment insurance exhaustion
- High rates of poverty, particularly in our urban communities
- An aged workforce – one of the oldest in the nation
- A large and growing immigrant population
- High level of school dropout rates

## **We need to focus on high impact solutions to...**

- Increase investment in worker education and training
- Provide more effective incentives for the upgrading of existing worker skills
- Expand access to education and training
- Better connect the K-12 system to the State's higher education system
- Measure policies by their success in developing self-sufficient workers.
- Promote local innovation.



keep Connecticut's workforce competitive



## Preparing Connecticut's Workforce

Connecticut has five Workforce Investment Boards, each led by a volunteer Board of Directors representing business, education and community leaders. The Connecticut Workforce Development Council is a statewide collaborative, in which the five boards come together to work on initiatives vital to Connecticut's future.

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