



March 4, 2010

**ATTENTION:**

**CT WORKS CUSTOMERS INTERESTED IN WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)  
TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS IN NORTH CENTRAL, CONNECTICUT\***

During the current economic downturn, a large number of businesses have closed or downsized. As of December 31, 2009, the four (4) North Central CTWorks One-Stop Career Centers have assisted over 18,000 individuals. The general decline in the current economy has resulted in even more people needing training to upgrade their skills to be eligible for employment in high demand/ high growth fields in the North Central Region of Connecticut.

**As of March 1, 2010, our region has fully obligated our 2009-2010 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) training Individual Training Account (ITA) Scholarship budget.** Although at this time we cannot offer ITA training scholarships, core employment services at the CTWorks One Stops are always available, including free informational job search workshops, computer literacy training, and on-line learning opportunities. **For unemployed individuals in need of more intensive job search assistance, there is still one-on-one employment counseling, interest, aptitude and personality assessments, instructional and interactive employment skills workshops, career development coaching, partner agency referrals, job development assistance/placement services, and On-the-Job (OJT) training opportunities.**

We encourage all job seekers to visit a CTWorks Center to access the core employment services and attend WIA orientations to obtain information on the array of Intensive services being provided. You can then make an informed decision on the next steps in your job search. CTWorks staff will work with those who are interested in the available intensive job search services and activities to determine which services will be most beneficial on a case by case basis.