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Acting Governor Guadagno Helps Small Businesses Access Programs and Resources for Business Growth

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Business Action Center Invites Government Representatives and Partners to Find Solutions for New Jersey's Businesses

Trenton, NJ – Providing opportunities for New Jersey's small businesses, Acting Governor Kim Guadagno will today welcome more than 60 business owners to a Resources for Business Growth event at Monmouth University in West Long Branch. Today's event was coordinated by the New Jersey Business Action Center in partnership with the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce and the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council.

"New Jersey's dedicated and hardworking business owners need support systems to help their companies reach their full potential, and we are here today to connect them to the resources that will help them achieve their goals," said Acting Governor Guadagno. "With the tools they receive today, our small businesses will continue to be engines of growth in New Jersey."

Today's event provides an opportunity for representatives of businesses from all industries to meet one-on-one with state and county representatives and community partners to learn more about the resources available to New Jersey's businesses. Employees of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Department of the Treasury, Board of Public Utilities, Business Action Center and Economic Development Authority will be on hand to provide information on the State's programs. Local and community representatives will include the Small Business Development Center, the US Small Business Administration, UCEDC, the Intersect Fund and the Monmouth County Library, among others.

Today's event marks the sixteenth Resources for Business Growth event that has been held throughout the state over the past several years. Overall, these events have reached approximately 1,100 businesses.

According to the Census Bureau's Statistics of U.S. Businesses, New Jersey's small firms make up more than 98% of all employers in the state and employ half of the state's private workforce. New Jersey private sector employment has increased by 186,200 jobs since February 2010, the recessionary low point for private sector employment in the state.

Businesses considering a move or in need of assistance are encouraged to call New Jersey's Business Action Center at (866) 534-7789 or visit the State's Business Portal at www.newjerseybusiness.gov.

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