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**COMMISSIONER SOCOLOW SPEAKS AT NJBIA'S:
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Trenton, February 21, 2007 – Commissioner David J. Socolow of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development recently was the featured speaker in the New Jersey Business and Industry Association's (NJBIA) annual "Meet the Decision Makers" series at Forsgate Country Club. Commissioner Socolow addressed a diverse group of 90 business men and women representing a wide range of industries.

Socolow spoke of Governor Corzine's commitment to economic growth and the Department's key role of the in the Governor's strategy by raising the capabilities and skill levels of New Jersey's workers. Socolow also noted Governor Corzine's commitment to protecting the integrity of the State's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

In his remarks, Socolow pointed out several ways in which the Department promotes economic development. First and foremost, the Department promotes and funds workforce development initiatives. The Department also provides vital labor-exchange services through our One-Stop Career Center system, "helping job seekers at every level and employers of every size by matching workers with jobs and upgrading the skills of our people and the competitiveness of New Jersey's businesses," Socolow said. "We provide high-quality customizable labor market information, safeguard the integrity of the Unemployment Insurance program and enforce New Jersey's labor laws, so that all businesses can compete on a level playing field."

After Commissioner Socolow's presentation the attendees had the chance to meet with key personnel from the Department at information tables. Department staff answered specific questions of business representatives ranging from unemployment insurance issues to applying for workforce development grants.

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