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Lt. Governor Guadagno Visits UCEDA Institute

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Trenton, NJ – Continuing her outreach to New Jersey's unique business community, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today visited the UCEDA Institute in Paterson. UCEDA Institute has a proprietary curriculum that helps students achieve their goals by developing effective English communication skills.

"We live in a global society where having the ability to communicate effectively is crucial," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "The UCEDA Institute is helping to bridge language gaps and providing students with the essential skills they need to reach their potential. By doing so, UCEDA is supporting a diverse and well-educated workforce that is prepared to compete in the 21st Century."

The first UCEDA School was opened in 1988 by Carlos Uceda to promote English language learning to the Latino and other immigrant populations. Under the umbrella of UCEDA International, the schools now specialize in meeting the needs of international students with an intensive English program. The program also accepts international non-immigrant students through the United States' F-1 student visa program.

The Institute offers twelve complete levels of English as a second language (ESL), including **basic**, **intermediate**, **advanced** and *advanced plus*. UCEDA also offers corporate training for businesses looking to compete globally as well as to improve in-house communication among all bi-lingual employees.

UCEDA provides instruction at eight New Jersey locations in Monmouth, Morris, Middlesex and Passaic counties.

"We appreciate the visit by Lt. Governor Guadagno to UCEDA Institute of Paterson," said Carlos Uceda, President of the UCEDA Institute. "I am always personally gratified when we are able to share the passion we feel about education with our local and state officials. There is such a great need for adult ESL education in this state, and we are proud to show the Lt. Governor that UCEDA Institute is ready and able to fill that need."

As of 2011, there were more than 800,000 small businesses in New Jersey. More than half are women and minority owned.

Those interested in more information about New Jersey's small business community 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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