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Skills in Scranton Survey Identifies Healthcare Jobs

SCRANTON, PA, November 5, 2007—A recent survey of local healthcare providers paints an encouraging employment picture for Northeast Pennsylvania during the next several years.

The Skills in Scranton healthcare careers survey, which was developed and administered by Skills in Scranton, the business-education partnership of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, shows that more than 1,200 new jobs will be available in Lackawanna County healthcare organizations in the next 36 months. A total of 30 companies responded.

“We are at a critical point in our area’s history of work force development,” stated Austin J. Burke, president of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce. “Healthcare careers are available here and in the future, and now it is important to concentrate on preparing area residents for these careers.”

A healthcare survey report will be distributed to homes throughout Lackawanna County by Robert J. Mellow, Senator, 22nd District of Pennsylvania. Skills in Scranton will also distribute Senator Mellow’s survey report in Lackawanna County Schools served by the Northeast Educational Intermediate Unit (NEIU) 19 to encourage younger people to obtain the education and training they need to pursue rewarding careers opportunities in northeast Pennsylvania.

Survey participants and other Lackawanna County employers are being encouraged to post their jobs and internships at www.worknepa.com. Work & Play in Northeast PA launched www.worknepa.com, a sister web site of www.worknplaynepa.com specifically for area employers and their human resource professionals. The web site provides area employers with the ability to post jobs and internships for free. Employers can also review resumes of job candidates for free. What’s unique about the site is that when an individual searches for jobs, results get returned from www.worknepa.com’s database and from other major national and local job web sites.

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