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## **Galesburg Recognizes “Workforce Development Week”**

The House of Representatives of the 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Illinois has designated the week of August 31, 2009, “Workforce Development Week.” The purpose of House Resolution HR0375 is to showcase the Illinois workforce system whose goal is to unify workforce development, education and economic development strategies in order to equip citizens with higher skills and supply businesses with qualified workers.

The Workforce Investment Board of Western Illinois has worked effectively in partnership with the Chief Elected Officials and will continue to:

- Demonstrate the values of local decision makers.
- Ensure that quality programs and services are available to job seekers and employers.
- Advocate for sufficient resources to offer comprehensive services, universal access, and lifelong learning options for businesses and individuals.

To this end, our Illinois workNet Centers will emphasize the importance of an updated resume. With today’s global economic recession, finding a good job is more challenging than ever before. Every day more job seekers are looking for fewer jobs. One way for a job seeker to get their application noticed above all others is to have a professionally crafted resume.

In addition to improving one’s resume, improving your computer skills can also give you a competitive advantage. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that more than half of today’s jobs require some sort of technology skills and in the next 10 years, that number will reach 77 percent. To help the workforce improve their computer literacy, our Illinois workNet Centers will showcase free online technology training opportunities through a public-private partnership between the State of Illinois and Microsoft Corporation called Elevate America.

During “Workforce Development Week” we will be demonstrating the Illinois WorkNet Online Resume Builder and Elevate America online e-learning for job seekers at our Galesburg Workforce Service Center. The Resume Builder and Elevate America demonstrations will be held at the Galesburg Workforce Service Center, 821 W. Main,

Galesburg (309) 343-3100 on Wednesday, September 2 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

In conjunction with our Workforce Development Week activities, Carl Sandburg College, Adult & Developmental Education will be hosting a Resume Workshop on Wednesday, August 19, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Adult Learning Center Computer Lab A-106. The Resume Workshop will be staffed to assist participants in crafting/updating their resumes using the Illinois workNet online Resume Builder. No reservations needed and the public is invited.

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