



# CHAIR'S REPORT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Business Advantage Seminar

#### *How to Analyze and Fulfill Your Training Needs*

**January 11, 2010**, 9:00am – 11:00 am. Career Central, 4440 Grand Blvd., New Port Richey, Florida.

In recognition of the Christmas and New Years Holidays all **Career Central** and **PHWB** locations will be **closed December 24**

**and December 31** and will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2011.



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## Mission

*...enhance economic development efforts of our region by providing a well-trained, high-quality workforce which supports the success of local business and improves the quality of life.*

## Job Seekers and Employers turned out in number for the Congressman Gus Bilirakis' Job Fair in New Port Richey

The Congressman Bilirakis Career Fair was held on December 2, 2010, at Spartan Manor in New Port Richey, Florida. With over 44 employers and more than 550 job seekers in attendance, the event was a great success. Sponsored in part by Career Central, the Job Fair was highlighted during the local news broadcast on Fox 13 News.

Career Central Business Services Consultants assisted in recruiting employers for attendance at the fair and interacted with employers and job seekers, answering questions and insuring the event went smoothly. Employers and job seekers were encouraged to visit the Career Central Mobile One Stop, which was parked at Spartan Manor, ready to assist with computer access, providing job referrals, and other services.

Career Central will be working closely with the office of Congressman Bilirakis in the coming year to expand the successes of this year's Job Fair, and make it an even better event for the community.

The Fox Channel 13 News Broadcast regarding the Congressman Bilirakis' Job Fair can be viewed at <http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/>.



## PHWB Climbs 11 Places in State Rankings on Services Provided to Job Seekers

Workforce Florida released the Balanced Scorecard report for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2010. The Balanced Scorecard reports on performance measures of the Workforce Boards in the state of Florida. The Pasco Hernando Workforce Board rose eleven positions from 20th to 9th in the category of Services to Job Seekers. PHWB also climbed 8 steps from 18th to 10th in the category of Services to Disadvantaged Customers.

PHWB attributes better relative performance in Entered Employment rates for both job seekers and veterans to their 9th place position. The improvement in Services to Disadvantaged Customers was based on improvements in several areas including WIA Entered Employment, WIA Earnings Rate, WIA Retention, and Youth Outcomes.

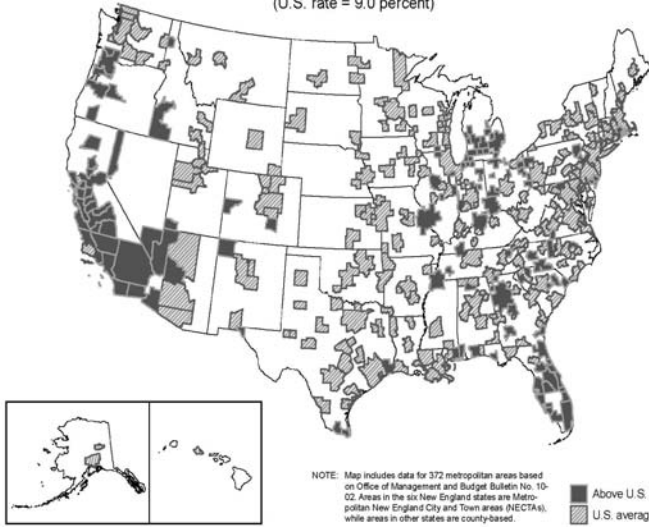
The full report can be found on our website at:

<http://www.careercentral.jobs/About%20us/Downloads/BalancedScoreCard.pdf>

# Labor Market Information

## Unemployment rates for metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted, October 2010

(U.S. rate = 9.0 percent)



## October 2010 Unemployment Rates

Location	October 2010	September 2010
Hernando County	14.3	14.8%
Pasco County	12.7	13.1%
Tampa Metro	11.8	12.4%
Florida	11.6	12.0%

These statistics were obtained from the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation and are not seasonally adjusted.

## A JOB WELL DONE

Florida Foot Care has been benefitting from Career Central for many years. I have attended their round table meetings, which are not only great for networking with businesses you might never get the chance to meet, they are always staffed with people that are ready to answer any questions you might have.

My name is Judy Barnes, and I am the office manager for Florida Foot Care. Two years ago I had the opportunity to meet with Steve Wilson. He advised me that I could qualify for training money to use for a special course in my particular field. The course would give me a certification that only a handful of medical managers have in my county.

The amount of paperwork required was simple and the staff of Career Central guided me through the whole process. I'm not sure who was more proud that I received the certificate at the end of the course, me or Steve!

I believe that had Mr. Wilson not come in and provided me with this information, I would have not had the opportunity or pursued my current goal of achieving my Associates Degree.

Thanks again Career Central,

Judy Barnes

## Florida's Government Workforce is the Smallest and Least Expensive in the Nation

According to the *Annual Workforce Report* issued Wednesday, December 8, 2010, by the Florida Department of Management Services, Florida's Government Workforce is the smallest and least expensive in the nation per capita. The 69-page report contains facts and figures about State personnel ranging from agency-by-agency personnel headcounts to ethnic diversity numbers for each salary classification.

As of June 30, Florida had 117 full- and part-time State employees per 10,000 in population — also last in the Nation. The national average was 216 employees per 10,000 residents. The report said Florida ranks lowest in per-capita payroll costs, at \$38 per resident. That was a little above half of national average of \$72 per citizen.

The report went on to say that State employees make less, on average, than workers in the private sector. Since 2006, the average State personnel salary rose from \$38,322 to \$38,540. During the same period, the average wage for all industries in Florida rose from \$38,498 to \$40,973.

The full article, written by Bill Cotterell and published in the Tallahassee Democrat, can be viewed at <http://www.floridacapitalnews.com/article/20101209/CAPITOLNEWS/12090320>.