

BWIB's Breaking News Round-up

A Digest of Local, State and Federal Workforce Development News



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New Resource for Staying in Touch with Congressional Representatives

The OpenCongress website allows users to conveniently contact both of their U.S. Senators and their legislator in the U.S. House of Representatives with the submission of a single letter. Additional easy-to-use functionality on the website includes legislation tracking, a view of the week ahead in both chambers, legislator profiles and information related to issues currently under review. The website is an open source, public resource produced as a project of the non-partisan Participatory Politics Foundation. Take a look at: <http://www.opencongress.org/>

Mark Your Calendar – Upcoming DISA Conference at the Baltimore Convention Center

The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) is holding its *2011 Customer & Industry Forum* from August 15 to 18, at the Baltimore Convention Center. The annual DISA conference brings together decision-makers and subject-matter experts from the military services, combatant commands, industry, and academia to share information and ideas that are critical to helping the Department of Defense achieve mission success and are of mutual interest. Conference information can be accessed at: <http://www.disa.mil/conferences/2011/index.html>

Life Science, Good for Maryland

BWIB members can gain a fuller understanding of Maryland's life sciences sector by reading the recently-released jobs analysis and economic impact report on Maryland's life sciences industry. The report, *Maryland Life Sciences: Jobs Analysis and Economic Impact Report*, identifies life sciences as one of the State's strongest and most stable industries. Maryland has the 5th highest concentration of private sector life sciences establishments in the nation, supporting 71,600 jobs at federal agencies, higher education institutions and the private sector. Download the full report at: <http://www.choosemaryland.org/aboutdbed/Pages/ProgramReports.aspx>

Jobs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Continue to Grow

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA) released a new report in July that profiles U.S. employment in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. *STEM: Good Jobs Now and for the Future*, examines the positive employment outlook in STEM occupations. View the full report at: <http://www.esa.doc.gov/Reports/stem-good-jobs-now-and-future>

Employers Weigh in on Green Jobs

The struggle to define and effectively leverage “green” as an industry sector continues to be a work-in-progress. However, a report was released in July by the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) that provides a good source of clarification. The report, *Green Jobs: 2011, Survey of the Energy Industry*, comprises informed feedback from almost 2000 of the 14,000 AEE members. The modest 14-page report covers a lot of ground, providing a profile of respondents, survey results, trends and opportunities in green job growth, salary and experience levels and job titles and resources. Links to other valuable resources are incorporated throughout the narrative. Access the report at: <http://www.aeecenter.org/files/reports/SurveyofTheGreenEnergyIndustry2011.pdf>

Congratulations to BWIB Member and Youth Council Chair Greg Derwart



Kudos go out to Greg Derwart, who was selected as a recipient of the *2011 VIP List – Very Important Professionals Successful by 40 Award!* The editors of *The Daily Record* recognized 50 regional professionals, who will be honored on Monday, September 26 at a cocktail reception, held at the Tremont Grand in Baltimore, MD. Winners will also be profiled in a special magazine that will be included in the September 30 issue of *The Daily Record*. Greg is an outstanding BWIB member who contributes enormous time and energy to the Youth Council, which he chairs, as well as the Baltimore Regional Initiatives Taskforce. Congratulations to a very worthy award recipient!

Upcoming Quarterly Meetings of the Baltimore Workforce Investment Board:

Tuesday, September 6th, 2011

BWIB’s Strategic Planning Session

Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Inc.

222 East Redwood Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Networking Breakfast begins at 7:30 and the Meeting is from 8:00-12:00

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