NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Held each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The theme for NDEAM 2011 is "Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities", which promotes the valuable contributions people with disabilities make to America's workplaces and economy. 2011 NDEAM posters are now available to download or order. http://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/ndeam2011poster.htm For more information visit https://www.disability.gov/employment/news_%26_events.

NEW Office Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) WEBSITE

Assistant Secretary Kathy Martinez announced a new and improved version of the Office Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) website on the 21st anniversary of the ADA. The ODEP website serves as an entry point for employers, individuals, educators and service providers seeking information about what they are doing to ensure that the U.S. Department of Labor's vision of "Good Jobs for Everyone" includes people with disabilities. Visit it at: http://www.dol.gov/odep. Secretary Martinez is seeking feedback on the new website and comments/suggestions can be sent to: kathleen.martinez.public@dol.gov

Department of Labor (DOL) LAUNCHES ONLINE TOOL FOR JOBSEEKERS ON SKILLS

The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration has launched an online tool, My Skills My Future, to help job seekers match their current skills to new careers and find out what training is needed to transition from one job to another. This resource includes information about occupational skills that can be transferred from one job to another, a side-by-side comparison chart of likely skill gaps from one occupation to another, and links to training programs that could help address skills needs. Job listings will also be available from the site. To access the tool, visit http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/.