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PA CareerLink® West Philadelphia Center to Open December 14

Interim facility at 5070 Parkside Ave will begin operations as integrated PA CareerLink® West Philadelphia Center

PHILADELPHIA- On December 14, 2015, the new, integrated PA CareerLink® West Philadelphia Center located at 5070 Parkside Avenue, will begin operations providing all job readiness services.

PA CareerLink® services staff will serve all West Philadelphia job seekers from this interim location until the permanent facility for the PA CareerLink® West Center at 3901 Market Street is open in the spring of 2016. The integrated center serves both traditional PA CareerLink® clients as well as those receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, who previously reported to a separate Employment Advancement and Retention Network (EARN) center for job readiness and placement services. The West Philadelphia Center will be operated by a consortium of workforce partners that include SER Metro; Educational Data Systems, Incorporated; PA Department of Labor & Industry (L&I); PA Department of Human Services and the L&I Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

This integration of the PA CareerLink® and EARN centers is the basis of Philadelphia Works' "No Wrong Door" service delivery model. This innovation in workforce service delivery ensures that whether a job seeker or employer enters a physical location, on-line via the Internet or through a community-based organization, there is "no wrong door" and they all have access to the same services. More information on the "No Wrong Door" model, including a fact sheet and timeline, can be found on the Philadelphia Works' website at <http://www.philaworks.org/service-providers-educators/no-wrong-door>.

About Philadelphia Works:

Philadelphia Works is the city's Workforce Development Board, investing in solutions and services to grow Philadelphia's economy by connecting employers to workforce talent and career seekers to jobs. We influence the public policies that support economic growth, and optimize funding and resources to invest in regional solutions to build a skilled and thriving workforce. For more information about our dedicated board members and staff, workforce research, labor market data, services and initiatives, and to view success stories, please visit <http://www.philaworks.org>.

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