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Dear New Jersey Employer:

Governor Jon S. Corzine has announced a new program that makes it easier for employers like you to hire new workers. The *RETURN-to-Work* initiative will reimburse employers for part of a new employee's wages, to offset the extraordinary costs of on-the-job training for qualifying new employees.

RETURN-to-Work is designed to get long-term unemployed New Jerseyans back on the payroll. The workers eligible for this program have exhausted all available state and federal unemployment benefits. They are experienced members of the workforce who are ready to work for you.

Under the *RETURN-to-Work* program, private sector employers can be reimbursed for a portion of an eligible new employee's hourly wage rate for up to 12 weeks. Your company can receive a grant to reimburse costs up to \$5 per hour toward the pay of a newly-hired worker, to partially defray the extraordinary costs of on-the-job training. The maximum grant is \$2,400 for each new worker hired. To be eligible for a *RETURN-to-Work* grant, employers must pay new hires at least \$15 per hour and must retain new hires in employment for at least six months.

RETURN-to-Work is a win-win program: you gain an employee with work experience and a grant to help with the costs of on-the-job training; your new hire gains a job and training for their new position. *RETURN-to-Work* also facilitates matches between employers and job seekers, by directing qualified applicants with the appropriate skill sets to employers' job postings.

If you are interested in taking part in this exciting new program, please visit the *RETURN-to-Work* Web site at www.nj.gov/labor/employer. Apply today -- and we will start locating suitable trainees for your job vacancies.

Governor Corzine's Administration is working hard every day to connect businesses with good workers. You can find more information about this and other programs online at www.nj.gov/labor.

Sincerely,

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