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Auditor General DePasquale Invites Public to Forum in Allentown on Job Training, Local Workforce Development Efforts

Says targeted job training is essential to keep Lehigh Valley's economy prosperous

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today invited local residents, along with community, business and education leaders, to join him for a forum with a panel of experts to discuss job training and workforce development in the Lehigh valley region.

The forum will be held: **Wednesday, April 26 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon in the PPL Room at CareerLink, 555 Union Blvd., Allentown, PA 18109.**

The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions.

“Workers need the proper skills to succeed in today’s challenging job market,” DePasquale said. “We have to make sure we are getting workers the skills they need to get good jobs and earn a respectable wage.

“This will be my fourth public meeting to discuss work force training. I have listened carefully to what people say is needed to help find and keep good jobs. I will use the information as I prepare to audit the effectiveness of state-funded workforce training and job development programs. We want to make sure we know what works, what doesn’t work and what we can improve.”

DePasquale will lead a discussion of panelists which includes educators, the trade unions, advocates for business and industry and the chamber of commerce. The panel is expected to include representatives from:

- Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce,
- Lehigh Carbon Community College,
- Lehigh Valley Workforce Development Board,
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,
- SEIU Health Care, and
- Ben Franklin Technology Partners.

So far, the auditor general has heard from hundreds of people who participated in public forums held in Beaver, Lancaster and Luzerne counties this year.

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