

- Board Annual Meeting **June 17, 2003** 2-4 PM Howard Johnson's Hotel, Norwich

## Another Slide in the Manufacturing Sector

Cold winds blow in the manufacturing sector, jobs continued to slide in April with the staggering loss of another 95,000 positions after a loss of 36,000 in March. It is the 33rd consecutive month of declines in manufacturing employment. Since its most recent peak in April 1998, the manufacturing sector has lost 2.6 million jobs.

Manufacturing job losses during April were “more than twice the average monthly decline for the prior 12 months (-40,000), says the Bureau of Labor Statistics. “Motor vehicles and equipment (-23,000) accounted for about one quarter of the April decline in factory employment. This industry has lost 150,000 jobs since its most recent employment peak in June 2000.” Job declines in other manufacturing industries during April exceeded their prior 12-month averages including lumber, furniture, fabricated metals, textiles, apparel and paper.

Employment in the service sector remained steady during April at 106,982,000. There were 16,251,000 workers employed in the manufacturing sector. During the past 12-months, employment in manufacturing has declined by 549,000 while employment in the rest of the economy has increased by 217,000.

Over the past two-years, government employment trended upwards, while private sector employment trended downward. Recently, budget problems have lowered the rate of job growth in state and local government. Total government employment in April stood at 21,380,000, up by 32,000 from the month of March.

The total unemployment rate stood at 6%, with 8.8 million Americans looking for work.

For a complete look at the April jobs data visit: [www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.toc.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.toc.htm)

~AM&T Alliance for Manufacturing & Technology June 2003  
~Manufacturing News, May 2, 2003

## GRANTS

**Health Care Worker Training**  
The Department of Labor is soliciting small, innovative demonstration proposals which will either (a) attract, train and place new healthcare workers in areas of critical or unmet need or (b) implement innovative strategies to retain experienced healthcare workers in areas of critical unmet need, while creating career ladders for both target groups.

**Eligible Organizations:** health care providers, consortia of health facilities, unions, labor management committees, labor organizations, educational institutions and government entities located within New York State. Hospitals are not eligible to apply for funding under this RFP.


A total of \$225,000 is expected to be available to fund 2-3 demonstration projects.

**Submission Deadline:** July 1, 2003  
For more information on this and other grant opportunities visit: [www.workforcenewyork.org](http://www.workforcenewyork.org)

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Don't forget



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## HrGopher

HrGopher offers businesses over 25,000 Human Resource internet links to help you manage your business.

This site has it all, topics such as background and drug testing, employee handbooks, termination, discrimination, leadership skills, team building and more. All topics are sorted for easy navigation.

There is also a section where you can check out current HR news. This site is dedicated to keeping businesses informed and up-to-date on HR website resources across the internet.

Visit [www.hrgopher.com](http://www.hrgopher.com)

## Downsville CSD: Meeting the Needs of the General Public & Students

By: Jane Walker, DCS

The Downsville Central School Library is a busy place after School! Many students are staying to complete homework assignments and to use the computers. Adults are coming in to look for work! Whatever the reason, we are thrilled that attendance has grown dramatically to include preschool children, community members, and students in grades K-12. The average daily attendance is 30. It is not uncommon for the Library on any given day to serve 50 patrons. Considering the K-12 enrollment of 375, this is an extraordinary turnout!

The Library encourages the community and employers to use the CDO Workforce



## Students Helping Students

By Candace Phelan, DCMO BOCES

Middle and High School students from Norwich Central Schools are able to get help with their homework through the CDO Workforce Youth Services Program.

Students meet at the local One-stop Center located at 5 West Main St, Norwich, NY, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm—4:30 pm.

The students volunteering to tutor must have an 85 average or higher in the subject they are helping in. To date three youths have been helpers, and 4 students have used the service.

This is an excellent opportunity for students struggling to get the extra help they need to bring their GPA up, and for the helpers this is an excellent community service.

For more information on how a youth you know can participate in the after school help program contact Candace Phelan, DCMO BOCES at 335-1323.



Virtual One-stop Computer System. Assistance is available with connecting to local jobs, career investigations and online job searches. Mr. Dennis Staubitz was very pleased to know he did not have to travel out of Downsville to get help with his job search. "it is very convenient to be able to use the computer system at DCS. I was able to find information about civil service tests. I also set up an e-mail account to get information about jobs and careers. I'll be back to use them again!"

This past year, grant funding was secured through a partnership between DCS and CDO Workforce Partner Delaware County OET. This grant made it possible to extend the hours of the Library during the summer months.

For more information, contact the Downsville Central School Library at 607-363-2100.



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