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Press Release

Crossley Named National Workforce Information Council Executive Director

The Workforce Information Council helps guide the development and improvement of the nationwide workforce and labor market information system.

Hartford, CT, October 23, 2006:

The Workforce Information Council has named Gary Crossley of LovetoWork.org, LLC as their new Executive Director replacing Dixie Sommers who left to join the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This system provides information on labor market trends and conditions, job outlook and wages, skill requirements of jobs, and a wide variety of other information that helps customers make decisions about their businesses, careers, training, and job search.

The Workforce Investment Act established this unique structure for Federal-State cooperation in planning and overseeing the workforce information system. The Secretary of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, acts with other Federal agencies and State employment statistics agency representatives elected by their peers. Collectively known as the Workforce Information Council, this group works together to plan, guide, and oversee the nationwide workforce information system.

The Workforce Information Council currently includes representatives from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Employment and Training Administration, and 10 state representatives. The Council is co-chaired by a federal and a state member -- the federal co-chair is John M. Galvin of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the state co-chair is selected by the State Representatives (during 2006, the state co-chair is Roger Therrien, Connecticut).

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The Council meets several times a year. The Workforce Information Council's web site lists many of their initiatives and contains their mandated plan for and oversight of the nationwide workforce information system.

State Co-chair Therrien said of Crossley, "he brings a unique perspective of having worked at the national, state, and local levels of using and producing labor market information." His recent job on the front line of service to job seekers for the SC Employment Security Commission will be a valuable asset as he saw first hand the value of quality labor market data to guide career decision making.

