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Company opens office that aims to help displaced workers

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Educational Data Systems, Inc. (EDSI) , a workforce development company headquartered in Dearborn, Mich., has just launched an Employment Connections Program for dislocated workers and Social Service referrals with a new office in Wilmington at 219 West 9th Street, Suite 250.

According to EDSI CEO Kevin Schnieders, the addition of the Delaware office expands the EDSI network to a total of 27 locations that provide cutting edge workforce development initiatives, program management and business consulting services aimed at assisting individuals with the transition from unemployment to employment and from under-employment to self-sufficiency.

"EDSI works with public sector, private sector and labor organizations to research, analyze and assess workforce development needs, then develops and implements strategies and programs to help recruit, hire and/or train workers. In all, we will assist more than 19,000 individuals with finding and retaining jobs this year," Schnieders explained. Local Program Manager

Bevie Chandler noted that the new Delaware Employment Connections Program is expected to handle more than 1,800 referrals during its first year of operation. Chandler stated:

"Dislocated workers and individuals on TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) who are referred by the Division of Social Services will be able to take advantage of:

- w Job readiness training
- w Resume and cover letter writing
- w Interview training and practice
- w Business Quest online simulations to develop critical decision-making skills
- w Customer service training
- w Team building skills."

Founded in 1979, EDSI (www.EDSIsolutions.com) has grown to a network that employs 430 people in seven states and Washington, D.C. EDSI's professionals support a broad range of industries including: manufacturing, automotive, public transit, utilities, aerospace, logistics, transportation, building and construction, retail, food service, and training.

In a recent Denison Consulting Survey, EDSI scored in the top 1 percent of all companies reviewed as having a high-performance culture with top business results. Additionally, Inc. Magazine rated EDSI as one of America's Fastest Growing Companies.

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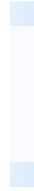



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