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DETR Director and Executives To Tour Rural Counties, Discussing Workforce Issues

Larry J. Mosley, director for the Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR), along with other staff, will embark upon a three-day tour of five rural Nevada JobConnect Offices to discuss workforce issues in these areas.

The riding tour will include 800 miles and 13 hours of driving time from September 11 to September 13. It will include Fernley, Fallon, Ely, Elko, and Winnemucca, in that order. Accompanying Mosley will be Deputy Director Ardell Galbreth; Employment Security Division Administrator Cynthia Jones; Rehabilitation Division Administrator Michael Coleman; and Field Chief for the Northern Nevada JobConnect Offices Kelly Karch.

During the tour, the group will meet with staff of the Nevada JobConnect offices that work diligently within the communities to match employers with job seekers. The DETR executives will also meet with business and community partners to discuss the state of the workforce in these outlying counties. The JobConnect offices help thousands of people get training and other support needed to be successful in the workforce, Mosley said. The following are the number of people served in the Nevada JobConnect Resource Centers last year. Fallon 9,880; Elko 18,251; Ely 4,81; Winnemucca 9,056.

“I’m excited to have an opportunity to visit these areas of our state,” said Mosley whose housed in the Southern Nevada Regional Headquarters in Las Vegas. “The rural areas contribute greatly to Nevada’s overall economic strength. I want to make sure that citizens in these counties realize that workforce development in their communities is just as important as the larger cities. Their input is vital to our continued efforts for statewide workforce development.”

As a result of the continued housing slump, Nevada’s unemployment rate has been on the rise. Nevada’s most recently calculated unemployment rate was 4.9 percent, while the national average was 4.6 percent. However, the rural areas seem to have different issues.

“The unemployment rates are lower in the rural counties than in the metropolitan areas,” Mosley said. “There is a shortage of workers, rather than a shortage of jobs. We need to work with employers to find ways to improve the availability of qualified workers.”

Unemployment rates for these areas:

- Fernley (Lyon County) – 6.5 percent
- Fallon (Churchill County) – 4.7 percent
- Elko (Elko County) – 3.7 percent
- Ely (White Pine County) – 4.2 percent
- Winnemucca (Humboldt County) – 4.2 percent

Schedule for Tour: Times are for public meetings. Reporters encouraged to attend.

FERNLEY

460 W. Main St. Suite 109 Sept. 11, 10: 30 a.m.

FALLON

121 Industrial Way Sept. 11, 1:30-2.30

ELY

480 Crampton Street Sept. 12, 9 to 10 a.m.

ELKO

172 Sixth Street Sept. 12, 3 to 4 p.m.

WINNEMUCCA

475 West Haskell Street, #1 Sept. 13, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.



DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, the Information Development and Processing Division and the Research and Analysis Bureau.



DETR works in partnership with the Nevada JobConnect System to connect businesses and workers.