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Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

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Dear Business Partner,

I'm writing today to ask for your assistance in publicizing the Illinois Small Business Job Creation Tax Credit to your members and associates in its last few months of eligibility.

Many jobs have already been created thanks to the Tax Credit, including a software engineer in Chicago, a welder in Carol Stream, a cosmetology instructor in Bloomington, a cabinet maker in Champaign and a winery specialist in Marion.

Until June 30th, businesses and non-profits may be eligible for the \$2,500 credit against withholding taxes. Small businesses and non-profits with 50 or fewer employees may be eligible for the credit for any position they create between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. The position must pay at least \$10 per hour, or the equivalent of \$18,200 annually.

Any-sized business or non-profit may be eligible for the credit if they hire a former worker-trainee from our recent "Put Illinois to Work" program. More than 26,000 people received valuable on-the-job training through "Put Illinois to Work."

Please remind your contacts of the benefits of hiring before June 30th through your website and social media channels, email, mail and newsletters. You can link to the tax credit Web site at <http://jobstaxcredit.illinois.gov>. You can also use the fact sheet located there, or the FAQs.

The success of our small businesses and workers is vital to Illinois' continued economic recovery, and supporting entrepreneurship and innovation is one of my top priorities. We are utilizing all of our communication channels and appreciate your help in getting the word out as well.

If you have any questions, please call Brian Selinger at DCEO at (217) 557-0513 or email JobsTaxCreditProgram@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor