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Rural Career Center Offices Closing

[Trenton] — The Northwest Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has announced the closing of (3) satellite career centers in the 18-county Northwest WIB region, due to cuts in federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds.

Effective June 30, 2011, the Northwest Workforce Investment Board—which is funded by WIA—will discontinue operations at the following locations: 4114 Miller Street, Suite B, Bethany, MO; 1720 North Walnut Street, Suite B, Cameron, MO; and 601 State Street, Mound City, MO. According to WIB Director Lisa Hostetler, funds for administrative and program operations have been cut significantly, forcing the WIB to make a difficult decision that lead to these cost-saving measures.

Workforce Investment Act, Wagner-Peyser, Veterans' services and unemployment assistance programs (including four-week reporting) will still be provided at the full-service Missouri Career Centers in St. Joseph, Maryville, Chillicothe and Trenton in the Northwest WIB region. Individuals who have visited the locations slated for closure are encouraged to contact the nearest MO Career Center to access services. The St. Joseph Career Center is located at 301 S. 7th Street in St. Joseph; the phone number is 816/387-9675 (or toll free at 800/554-5807). The Chillicothe Career Center is located at 601 Mohawk Road in Chillicothe; the phone number is 660/646-0671. The Trenton Career Center is located at 1104 Main Street in Trenton; the phone number there is 660/359-5636.

Also effective June 30, 2011, the MO Career Center in Maryville will be moving to 114 W. 3rd, Maryville MO 64468. The same services that were provided at the former location on South Main will be available at the West 3rd Street location in Maryville. The phone number is 660/582-8980 (or toll-free at 800/711-5408).

“Our goal is to effectively and efficiently serve all the customers of the Northwest Region,” stated Hostetler. “We will do our best to provide assistance to job seekers and businesses in our region, even in these challenging financial times.”

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