

Upcoming Events of Interest for Employers

USBLN 12th Annual Conference “Connecting the Dots: Business Solutions”

September 15-18, 2009 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, Washington, DC. The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN) 2009 Annual Conference, “**Connecting the Dots: Business Solutions**” is the preeminent national event for business and community leaders that have an interest in hiring, retaining and marketing to people with disabilities. This year’s event promises to provide informational and educational opportunities of the highest quality. The USBLN is the only national disability organization led by business for business. The USBLN recognizes and promotes best practices in hiring, retaining, and marketing to people with disabilities. There are 53 Business Leadership Network affiliates in 31 states, including the District of Columbia, representing more than 5,000 employers across the US. The BLN uses a “business to business” approach to educate, promoting the business imperative of including people with disabilities in the workforce.

<http://www.newworkforceconference.org/>

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month!!

Congress designated each *October* as National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). The US Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy has the lead in planning NDEAM activities and materials to increase the public’s awareness of the contributions and skills of American workers with disabilities. Various programs carried out throughout the month also highlight the specific employment barriers that still need to be addressed and removed.

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/programs/asstsecmessage.htm>

Disability Mentoring Day (DMD)

Disability Mentoring Day is a national program typically held in October that promotes career development for students and job-seekers with disabilities through job shadowing and hands-on career exploration. To host a DMD at your business or to find out what’s going on in your area, please contact your Local Coordinator.

<http://www.dmd-aapd.org/>