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Sharon M. Palmer, Commissioner

# Labor Department Assisting Whole Foods With Hiring Efforts for New Danbury Store

WETHERSFIELD, March 14, 2013 – State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer today noted that a partnership between the Connecticut Department of Labor and two of its workforce partners in the northwestern part of the state is helping Whole Foods Market hire employees for its new Danbury store.

“Staff from the Labor Department, the Northwest Regional Workforce Board, and the Danbury-based TBICO community organization will work in partnership to assist Whole Foods Market with its recruitment efforts, playing a key role in helping the company recruit qualified jobseekers for its newest location,” noted State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer.

According to Palmer, Whole Foods is hiring more than 175 individuals for its Danbury store that is expected to open in May. Jobs that the Labor Department and its partners are helping Whole Foods to fill include cashiers, cake decorator and cook, as well as team members in areas such as meat service, produce, prepared foods, seafood, floral, and grocery service.

To apply for the full- and part-time positions, interested jobseekers can apply online using the Labor Department’s electronic job bank and employment resource, CT.JOBS at [www.CT.jobs](http://www.CT.jobs). Applicants will be able to use the job bank to review job openings on the Whole Foods website and complete an application. The CT.JOBS site can be accessed using any home computer, or jobseekers can visit their local *CTWorks* office and use computers located in the Career Center. Applicants will need to have an email address in order to apply. *CTWorks* staff will be available to assist any person that needs to establish a personal email address or has questions on how to access the electronic job bank.

Labor Department employee Steve Romano, *CTWorks* Job Center Director for the northwestern region, notes that Whole Foods will schedule applicants completing an online application, by appointment, to attend an information session. Staff from the Labor Department, the Northwest Regional Workforce Board, and the Danbury-based TBICO community organization will assist with the screening and recruitment process at the scheduled information sessions.

The new Danbury Whole Foods Market will be located on the grounds of the former Marcus Dairy, across from the Danbury Fair mall.

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