

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

Launch of Online State Recruitment Resources Center for Persons and Veterans WITH Disabilities a Positive Step Forward to Help

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Queens, NY (August 28, 2014) – Disabled persons and veterans now have an ally online when looking for State jobs. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo this week announced the launch of the online State Recruitment Resources Center for job seekers who are certified eligible to participate in the Governor's Program to Hire Persons and Veterans With Disabilities.

State Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jr., the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs, is optimistic this program will help a population in need of assistance.

"I know many veterans and other individuals who are disabled, but that these disabilities did not by any means affect their determination or will to find employment.," **Senator Addabbo said.** "I believe that this State program will give these individuals another avenue of assistance in finding employment."

The website, which intends to serve as the central online employment recruitment center for this group of job seekers, allows applicants to upload their resume and transcript, and also provides application information regarding disability certification, so they can be best connected with employment opportunities at State agencies.

The program, which can be accessed through the Department of Civil Service, www.cs.ny.gov, allows qualified persons and veterans with disabilities to be appointed to entry-level competitive civil service positions without a written examination. New York State's Civil Service State Law designates 1,200 entry-level positions for eligible persons with disabilities and 500 positions for eligible veterans with disabilities.

"When our government has the opportunity to help people find employment, it should embrace that chance and provide credible programs like this one.", the Senator stated. Addabbo will hold his annual Job Fair on September 19 at the YMCA in Arverne by the Sea, 207 Beach 73rd Street, Rockaway, from 10am to 2pm.

"This Job Fair will bring in about 60 vendors, with close to 1000 job opportunities," **Senator Addabbo said.** "I know that the job search process gets tedious and frustrating, but employment programs and job fairs attempt to make

possible employers accessible to a job seeker. I will continue to support and examine ways to find people jobs."