Chamber Health Coop
Saving Small Businesses in Massachusetts
Money on Health Insurance

Big Savings
- Chamber Health Coop makes health insurance more affordable for small businesses.
- Your company could save hundreds or even thousands of dollars annually.
- The Chamber Health Coop has negotiated some of the best deals on health insurance for small businesses in the state, making coverage more affordable for business owners.

Leading Insurers
- Chamber Health Coop offers plans from nationally recognized insurers, including Fallon Community Health Plan, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, and Health New England. Several plan options are available from each insurer.

Health and Wellness Program
- Your Chamber Health Coop membership includes a wellness program to help your employees live healthier lives and lower future health care costs.

Who is Eligible?
- Companies with 50 or fewer full-time employees (part-time employees can receive insurance, but don’t count toward the 50 employee limit) AND
- Belong to a participating Chamber of Commerce or other association. Visit www.chamberhealthcoop.com for the full list. Not a member yet? Contact an organization and sign up today.

How Can I Get Started?
- Go to www.chamberhealthcoop.com to learn how you can take advantage of this great opportunity.
- Tell your broker to give us a try or call your local Chamber or association.
- Enrollment starts in late June 2012 for insurance coverage beginning in August.

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Ludlow Mills Named Priority Project by Patrick-Murray Administration
Ludlow Mills, the 170-acre site planned for redevelopment by Westmass Development, is among five new projects designated for cleanup assistance through the Administration’s Brownfields Support Team (BST) Initiative. Ludlow Mills is the only project located in Western Massachusetts that is involved in the third round of the BST.

The Ludlow Mills project is a “mixed use” project with primary focus on commercial and industrial development. The site has environmental cleanup needs that require further assessment and has received both state and federal grants that have provided site and environmental remediation.

Redevelopment of the Ludlow Mills complex over the next two decades will create and retain over 2,000 jobs and stimulate up to $300 million in private investment. Build-out of the project will occur over 15 or more years and the project will embrace sustainable development principles and will seek to encourage LEED quality new construction at the site.

WGBY, Westfield State Co-Produce As Schools Match Wits
For the sixth consecutive year, WGBY and the Department of Communication at Westfield State University have partnered to produce As Schools Match Wits (ASMW), one of the longest-running high school quiz shows in the nation. This season is the show’s 52nd since its launch in 1961. While WGBY’s producers lead the show’s overall planning efforts, WSU provides the production facilities and student production crew. As an actual on-air production, the making of ASMW provides a real-world learning environment for the television production students at the University.

D’Amours Honored For Service
The D’Amour family of Big Y Foods received the Service Above Self Award from the Springfield Rotary Club and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. The award recognizes honorees who live out the Rotary motto “Service Above Self.” Big Y donates more than 300 scholarships annually to students across the region, as well as provides more than $13 million in equipment and other support to 2,000 public and parochial schools through the company’s Education Express program.

Trustee Named to Willie Ross School for the Deaf
Dr. Lawrence Kaplan, Chief of the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at Baystate Children’s Hospital, has joined the Willie Ross School for the Deaf Board of Trustees. Dr. Kaplan is a trained Neuro-developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician with 30 years of experience. He formerly worked at Boston Children’s hospital, where he helped establish the Boston Children’s Deafness Network and has helped in the design and development of similar programs throughout the United States and abroad. He also built and expanded the Child Development programs at Newington Children’s Hospital, now the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, and the Yale and Dartmouth Children’s Hospitals.

Tighe and Bond Announce Promotions
Tighe and Bond has announced the following promotions to Associate: Tracy Adamski, AICP, a senior planner with expertise in regulatory compliance, environmental permitting, land use planning, grant writing, and public outreach; Chuck Croce, P.E., a project manager focusing on site/civil and site/utility engineering; Nancy E. Mikey, P.G., LSP, R.B.P., a project manager with expertise in brownfields and environmental remediation; and Dan Rukakoski, PWS, CWs, PSS, a senior environmental scientist and manager of the firm’s Wetland and Ecological Services Group.

In addition to these new Associates, Tighe & Bond promoted six other staff into the firm’s Stock Ownership Program: Lavalier Alves, CMA, CFM; Jackie Caceci, P.E., LEED AP; George Kansas, P.E.; Tiffany Labrie, P.E.; and April Lassard – all from the Westfield, MA office; as well as Patrick Crimmis, P.E., from the firm’s Portsmouth, NH office.

STCC, Smith College awarded grant to entice children towards engineering
Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) and Smith College have received a five-year $3 million grant from the National Science Foundation to get children interested in engineering. The grant is being used to create interactive web novels that engage...
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