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## Jobs Express Website

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### **Senator Shirley L. Huntley Announces Launch of “Jobs Express” Website to Assist Unemployed New Yorkers Find Work**

Senator Shirley L. Huntley (D-Jamaica) is pleased to announce the construction of an innovative new website designed to give New Yorkers adequate resources to find employment. Through the leadership of Governor Cuomo, this website takes thousands of jobs listed throughout the New York State Jobs Bank and sorts them by region to help job seekers evaluate what positions are available in their area.

In Southeast Queens the unemployment rate has been hovering around 12% much higher compared to the rest of New York State at 8% and the national unemployment rate which is 9%. This area of Queens epitomizes the current state of our nation as the middle class is

being squeezed out with high rates of foreclosures and unemployment have dramatically impacted family income. Resources that can direct job seekers to open positions and careers that can provide them with a living wage and the ability to provide for their family are invaluable.

“My constituents are some of the most hard working people in the State,” said Senator Huntley. “In this difficult economy it’s crucial for them to have all the resources available to not only find immediate employment but to find long term careers.”

The Jobs Express website features easy-to-use drop-down menus that display useful information for job seekers all on one, concise page. The site also includes videos that offer advice to job seekers and an electronic job-matching tool known as "Skills Matching and Referral Technology" (SMART), which generates job leads from resumes. The Labor Department will update the job listings on a daily basis.

Currently, the New York State Job Bank has 42,370 job openings.

- Capital District - 2,726
- Central New York - 2,373
- Finger Lakes - 2,228
- Hudson Valley - 1,681
- Long Island - 5,973
- Mohawk Valley - 628
- New York City - 22,684
- North Country - 454
- Southern Tier - 924
- Western NY - 2,699

"This Jobs Express website saves job seekers time and aggravation in a process that has traditionally been a long and painful one. I praise Governor Cuomo for creating such an innovative and useful way to put New Yorkers and Southeast Queens back to work, Senator Huntley concluded.

For further employment resources, there are 88 public One-Stop Career Centers across New York where job seekers can go for additional free services.

For more information about services offered by New York State for job seekers, please visit [www.labor.ny.gov](http://www.labor.ny.gov)