



USBLN[®] Announces Support of DOJ's Landmark ADA Settlement Agreement with Rhode Island

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WASHINGTON, DC (April 8, 2014) – At the Invitation of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), during the Press Conference that DOJ held today at the United States Attorney's Office in Providence, Rhode Island, USBLN[®] Executive Director Jill Houghton shared the support of private business to provide career opportunities at competitive wages for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently in sheltered workshops or were scheduled to transition from school to sheltered workshops.

In support of DOJ's landmark ADA settlement agreement with the state of Rhode Island, the USBLN[®] in partnership with its member company Walgreens will co-host a regional forum, the Workforce Inclusion & Equality Summit, on June 27, 2014 in Rhode Island. Several USBLN[®] member businesses have already partnered with Rhode Island and are providing on the job training opportunities for current sheltered workshop clients and transitioning students.

According to **Ms. Houghton**, "The USBLN[®] is excited about this opportunity to provide our member companies with an underutilized job candidate pipeline as well as the connections and information they need to successfully hire and on-board individuals with significant disabilities." The USBLN[®] will be working with its Affiliate, the [Rhode Island BLN](#), and Rhode Island College to develop the Summit.

To read the Department of Justice's full press release, visit:
<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/April/14-crt-350.html>

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