

**For Immediate Release**  
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The Economic Development Commission and Cheshire Chamber of Commerce invite Cheshire businesses to an informative program to learn about important initiatives of the State of Connecticut to spur job creation and growth. State Representative Mary Fritz and a representative from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) will provide information on new DECD programs, including the Job Expansion Tax (JET) Credit and the Small Business Express Program, which provides low interest loans and matching grants for working capital, training, purchase of machinery and equipment and construction and leasehold improvements. DECD is aggressively reaching out to help Connecticut companies and Cheshire businesses should try to avail themselves of its new programs.

The meeting will be held free of charge on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012**, at Elim Park, 140 Cook Hill Road, commencing with a light breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by the program from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. To register, call Catherine Donegan in the Planning & Development Office at (203) 271-6670 or e-mail [cdonegan@cheshirect.org](mailto:cdonegan@cheshirect.org).



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