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Department of Aging Seeks Nominations to Honor Employers that Hire Older Adults

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Department of Aging is seeking nominations for its annual “Champions of Older Workers” award, which honors employers who understand the value and talents of older workers.

“As our population ages and the state of our economy is uncertain, more people are choosing to remain in the workforce,” said Secretary of Aging Brian Duke. “Our older workers are a reliable and valuable resource to employers.”

Letters seeking nominations were sent to Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), CareerLinks and the General Assembly. Nominations will also be accepted from businesses and individuals.

One employer will be selected for its efforts to hire workers age 55 and older. The company will be inducted into the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame of Champions of Older Workers. The Department of Aging has been naming companies to the Hall of Fame since 1984.

Last year’s award recipient was Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital in Tioga County. The hospital employs 493 people, 208 of whom are over the age of 50.

Pennsylvanians ages 45 to 64 will soon account for 40 percent of the state’s labor force.

Nomination forms are available online at www.aging.state.pa.us. Nominations must be received by Dec. 2. The winner will be announced next spring.

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