



## **The 2008 Northern California Career & Leadership Summit - Free Event Enhance Your Career: Leadership, Networking and Communication Skills**

Danville, CA, May 18, 2008 --(PR.com)-- The 2008 Northern California Career Summit, hosted by Job Connections, is a free, half-day conference targeted to Bay Area professionals looking to enhance their professional skills. The Summit will be held Saturday, May 31 from 8:00 AM to 2PM at the Community Presbyterian Church in Danville, CA.

According to The East Bay Business Times (April 12, 2008), unemployment rates in the East Bay rose in March, with the statewide jobless rate of 6.4 percent, and Alameda and Contra Costa counties at 5.5 percent. The national unemployment rate for March was 5.2 percent. Whether unemployed, employed or in the midst of a career transition, The 2008 Career & Leadership Summit will offer key information to effectively enhance the job seeker's or the employed's professional skills.

Their speakers:

-Sheila Murray Bethel, best-selling author and authority on leadership, who will present “Leadership That Makes a Difference”, highlighting ways to achieve greater influence while maximizing one's potential.

-Joe Pelayo, one of the nations' top 75 Recruiters, will share best practices for “Networking Your Way to Success”.

-Libby Wagner, a recognized leadership communications expert, will deliver “Five Strategies for Better Results - Effective Communications in Leadership”.

The Summit includes something for everyone. Employers will have access to hundreds of available professionals from the Greater Bay Area. Job Seekers can meet with hiring managers. The employed can network with hundreds of professionals from varied backgrounds and professional experiences while expanding career contacts.

“This unique event is a perfect opportunity for up to 600 employers, job seekers and the employed to come together for personal and professional growth”, said Job Connections organizer, Dean Tracy. “Incredibly, it's made available to attendees at no cost through the generous contribution of time, materials and money from our Job Connections members, guest speakers and sponsors.”

Some of the Hiring Companies that will be represented at the event include:

- Chevron
- Employment Development Department
- SkylerHaley
- Farmers Insurance
- Kaiser
- Mass Mutual Financial Group



- Robert Half

The 2008 Northern California Career Summit will be an excellent forum to learn from outstanding speakers on how to achieve success in a job search and in professional life, network with other Bay Area professionals and meet recruiters and representatives from several Bay Area companies. The conference is free and includes a continental breakfast. Directions, advance registration and additional information can be obtained by visiting:

[www.JobConnections.org](http://www.JobConnections.org).

#### About Job Connections

The largest job networking, non-profit organization in Northern California, Job Connections ([www.JobConnections.org](http://www.JobConnections.org)) is an outreach of Community Presbyterian Church, located at 222 West El Pintado, Danville, CA. The mission of Job Connections is to support and encourage both unemployed and employed professionals while offering on-going support through workshops, speakers and networking opportunities. Job Connections meets every Saturday morning from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

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