

Murphy Announces \$100,000 for Danbury Job Training Facility

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"TBICO is the exactly the type of program that we should be putting resources into in this recession. The best way to get people back to work is to arm them with the skills they need, and TBICO is preparing people with job skills that will be marketable to a variety of employers right in the greater Danbury area," said Murphy.

TBICO provides low-income individuals with a comprehensive range of employment-related training, services, adult basic education mentoring and financial literacy education to enable them to find quality jobs and become self-sufficient. Their training program is business focused and taught by business people, focusing on providing practical business skills, getting students on a career path with opportunities for advancement, and helping them succeed to self sufficiency.

Murphy was joined by TBICO President and CEO LouAnn Bloomer and Amy Meichner, Cartus, Senior Vice President Global Human Resources and TBICO Board Member.

TBICO's core program, "The Corporate Edge," incorporates a two tier career ladder to facilitate a student's transition to self sufficiency. The first tier helps them move from unemployment to entry level employment and the second tier will help them move from entry level to higher skilled, better paying positions.

The \$100,000 was included in the Consolidated Appropriations bill that passed the House and which was signed by

President Obama earlier this month.

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