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Resource Center Serves Carroll Citizens

February 13, 2009 – The Carroll County Business & Employment Resource Center (BERC), located at 224 N. Center Street in Westminster, is a Maryland One-Stop workforce center that provides free comprehensive employment services to Carroll citizens.

“Many residents have been affected by layoffs in this difficult economic climate, but they can benefit from free job search assistance locally”, said Denise Rickell, BERC Manager. “Some of the services that we provide include resume development, interview practice, job postings and computers with access to the Maryland Workforce Exchange, the state’s job bank”.

Individuals who are filing for Maryland Unemployment Insurance are encouraged to file their claim online at the www.mdunemployment.com website. “Several years ago the State eliminated local unemployment offices and established regional offices with Carroll County served by the Towson Claim Center”, stated Rickell. “Since the telephone lines are so busy at this time, it is strongly recommended that claimants file online. If individuals do not have a computer they can use one at BERC, however local center staff are not able to answer questions about Unemployment Insurance since it is a State of Maryland program”, Rickell reiterated.

The Carroll County Business & Employment Resource Center is open Monday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:30pm and Friday 8:00am – 2:00pm. Part of the Mid-Maryland Workforce Investment Area, the BERC mission is to develop a highly trained and effective workforce for new and existing businesses, to assist individuals in achieving employment and to encourage lifelong learning. Additional information about BERC is online at www.carrollworks.org.

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