

# Trending Developments



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## Fall 2015 Job Fair Gives Job Seekers the Opportunity to Meet with 65+ Employers

On Wednesday, October 7, 2015, Mayor C. Samuel Sutter in coordination with the Fall River Career Center and the Fall River Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Inc. hosted the Fall 2015 Job Fair at Government Center.

Over 65 employers were on hand to meet with job seekers and promote employment opportunities at their respective businesses.

Prior to the job fair the Fall River Career Center hosted a number of workshops to assist job seekers in successfully engaging employers during the event. The workshops

included topics such as how to work a job fair, tips on dressing for success, and resume critiques.

While the job fair is a great opportunity for job seekers to interface with employers, the Fall River Career Center works year round with job seekers and employers to assist those looking for jobs in finding employment and employers finding qualified candidates to fill employment vacancies.

According to the Commonwealth's JobQuest database

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Above: Mayor C. Samuel Sutter speaks with employers regarding job opportunities available for Fall River residents.

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## 1,106 Jobs Available

Looking for a job?

Visit [froed.org](http://froed.org) then select the "Current Employment Opportunities" tab. Next click "Job Search" and this will launch an interactive database.

Within this database alone there are currently **1,106** employment opportunities within a 5 mile radius of Fall River.



## Fall 2015 Job Fair

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there are currently 1,106 employment opportunities within a 5 mile radius of Fall River going unfilled. As such, any person seeking employment is encouraged to contact the Fall River Career Center for assistance in finding an employment opportunity that meets his/her skill set.

The Fall River Career Center is located at 446 North Main Street and can provide job seekers with services such as: information on job openings and referral to job openings, information and referral to training and educational opportunities, access to labor market

job search workshops, career counseling, job placement assistance, support services and computer orientation services.

For employers services include: employer recruitment services, pre-screening of applicants, labor market information, access to talent bank, and information on training grants and skill development opportunities, working with individuals with disabilities, unemployment insurance, and employment legal issues.

The Fall River Career Center is a great resource for employers and job seekers alike. For more information call 508-730-5000.



*Above: The Fall 2015 Job Fair brought 65+ local employers to Government Center to meet with job seekers.*



## SMILES Mentoring Program

The SMILES Mentoring Program envisions a community in which every youth experiences nurturing one-to-one relationships and community support, which in turn allows each of them to develop into their full potential capable of making informed, responsible decisions as involved members of our community. SMILES mission is to help at risk children realize their personal and educational potential through a large scale one-to-one mentoring program.


The Fall River Office of Economic Development's Executive Vice President Kenneth Fiola, Jr. has personal experience with the program after volunteering as a mentor to a Fall River student for a number of years. Fiola found the experience to be extremely beneficial for all parties

involved noting, "The SMILES program does a great service to our community by pairing local students with mentors to create positive, lasting relationships to assist our youth in developing into engaged members of our community. The program provides great opportunities to the youth participants and it is also extremely rewarding for volunteers."

The SMILES Mentoring Program helps to empower youth in our community to make positive life choices that enable them to maximize their potential. The mentoring program recruits adult volunteers who will commit to supporting, guiding, and being a friend to a young person for a period of at least one school year, one hour per week.



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." –Maya Angelou



Interested in changing a child's life?  
It only takes one hour a week. Become a SMILES mentor today!  
Contact Aaron Hubley at 774-627-2438 or [ahubley@peopleinc-fr.org](mailto:ahubley@peopleinc-fr.org)

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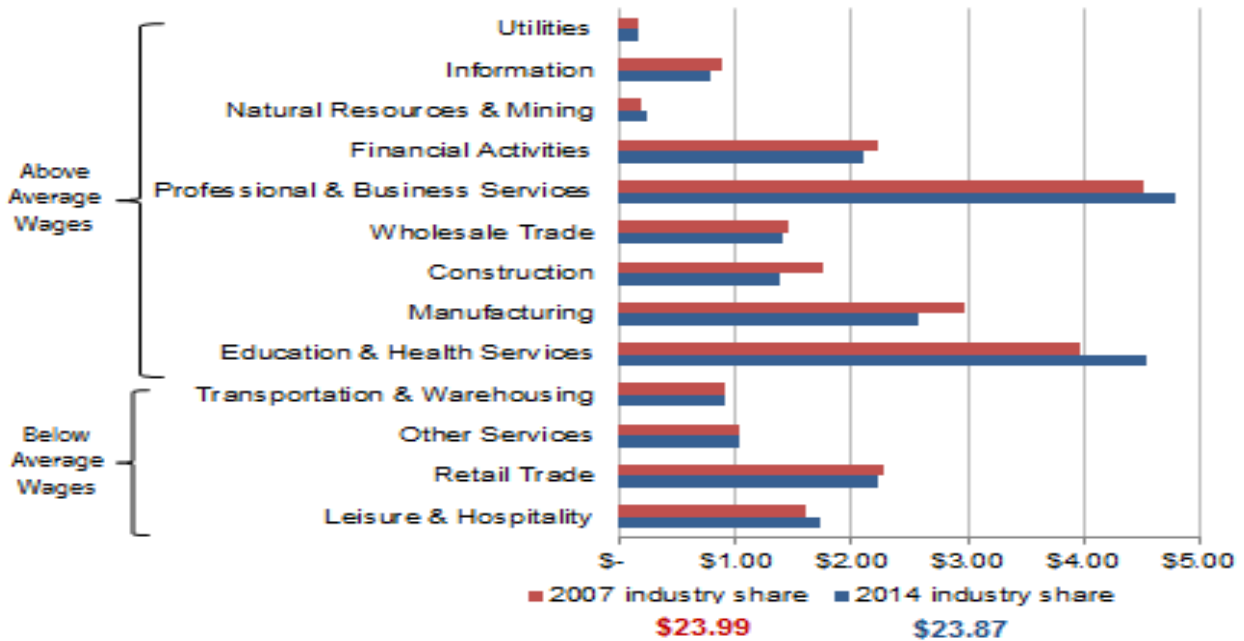


## Fall River by the Numbers...

### Largest Employers in Fall River

Company	Address	Number of Employees	Sector
Bristol Community College	Elsbree Street	1,000-4,999	Education
Southcoast Hospitals Group	Highland Avenue	1,000-4,999	Healthcare
Steward Health Care	Middle Street	1,000-4,999	Healthcare
Meditech	Martine Street	500-999	Software Development
Philips	Airport Road	500-999	Manufacturing
Blount Fine Foods	Currant Road	250-499	Food Production
Catholic Memorial Home	Highland Avenue	250-499	Healthcare
Family Service Association	Rock Street	250-499	Social Service
Gold Medal Bakery	Bay Street	250-499	Food Production
PrimaCare	Pleasant Street	250-499	Healthcare
Travelers Insurance	South Main Street	250-499	Insurance

### Comparison of 2014 Wages 2014 versus 2007 Industry Shares



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, author's calculations





**Keeping Fall River working in Fall River.**

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## Fall River Represented on Port Professionals Committee

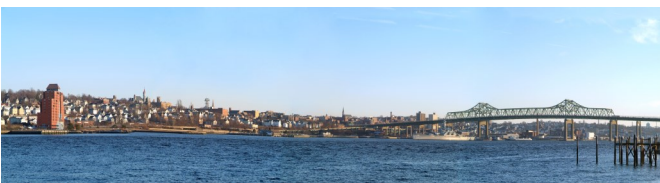
On October 1, 2015, the Fall River Office of Economic Development's Executive Vice President, Kenneth Fiola, Jr., Esq. was appointed to the Port Professionals Committee of the Seaport Economic Council.

The Seaport Economic Council, chaired by the Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development with support from the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, challenges the 78 coastal communities of Massachusetts to leverage their unique geographic advantages in order to grow jobs and

prepare for the future while confronting the challenges posed by sea level rise and increasingly powerful coastal storms.

The Port Professionals Committee consists of individuals who are experts in economic development in coastal communities. The committee's duties include assessing all requests for funds and making recommendations to the Council on those requests.

For additional information about the Seaport Economic Council visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) or call 508-999-3030.



**For more information please visit our website: [www.froed.org](http://www.froed.org)**

## Fall River's Finest: Spencer Borden

Spencer Borden was born in 1848 to Jefferson and Susan Easton Borden. He married Effie Brooks and had four children: Spencer Jr., Brooks, Leonora and Florence.

In 1872, Borden, a trained chemist, traveled to Europe to study the process of bleaching and dyeing textiles. Upon his return to the United States, Borden organized a group of mill owners from the region to discuss the idea of a large-scale bleachery in the area. Sites as far north as Bridgewater were considered for the location of the facility, but the mouth of Sucker Brook, where it flowed into the South Watuppa in Fall River was eventually selected as the site for the bleachery.

The facility was designed so that water from the brook could flow through the facility without the need for pumping. Jefferson Borden was

chosen as the first president of the company, which had the capacity to process up to thirteen tons of cotton annually.

The site would later be expanded to keep up with the demand from the many area mills. By 1906, the bleachery had a capacity of 50 tons per day.

The bleachery was built in 1873 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. A portion of the complex was destroyed in a fire in 1967; however, the remainder of the facility still stands on Jefferson Street.



### **Mission statement of the Fall River Office of Economic Development:**

*Incorporated in 1978 as a 501(c)(4) corporation to promote the prosperity and general welfare of the citizens of Fall River through the stimulation of economic strength and expansion of new and existing business.*