Did you know in March 2011, the percentage of people with disabilities in the California labor force was 21.0 percent? By comparison, the percentage of persons with no disabilities in the labor force was 69.7 percent. The unemployment rate for those with disabilities was 15.6 percent, compared with 8.9 percent for persons with no disabilities, not seasonally adjusted. For additional information

What can YOU do to share the message that at work, it’s what people CAN do that matters? Use the Campaign for Disability Employment’s Outreach Toolkit to promote positive employment outcomes for people with disabilities in your business and community! For additional information

The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) in the Department of Labor has created an online toolkit for federal agencies to recruit, hire and retain more employees with disabilities in compliance with Executive Order 13548. The Toolkit provides step-by-step information in key areas, such as interviewing tips, creating accessible and inclusive work environments, recruitment, accommodations, and technical assistance resources. For additional information

The America’s Heroes Web site has a new Toolkit filled with useful information on hiring Veterans with or without a disability. This Toolkit has been designed to assist and educate employers who want to include Veterans and wounded warriors in their recruitment and hiring initiatives. For additional information

For comments and questions or to become more involved, contact: California Governor’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities: Toll Free: (800) 695-0350, TTY: (916) 654-9820 or e-mail: GovComm@EDD.Ca.Gov