

**WALDORF, MD** – Today, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5), in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations, the Southern Maryland Workforce Investment Board and Job Match Re-employment Program, hosted a luncheon for community and business leaders at the “Nine Innings of Networking” Southern Maryland Job Fair. He delivered remarks introducing Marie C. Johns, Small Business Administration Deputy Administrator, as the keynote speaker.

“While our economy has seen twenty-seven consecutive months of private sector job growth, far too many Marylanders remain out of work,” **said Congressman Hoyer**. “I’m proud to partner with these organizations to bring together Maryland businesses with potential hires, and provide our business community with networking opportunities and professional development workshops that will help grow their businesses.”

“I’d also like to thank Marie Johns for joining our community and business leaders today,” **continued Congressman Hoyer**. “Under her leadership, the Small Business Administration has assisted more than 60,000 small businesses across the country with over \$30 billion in lending. I’m pleased she could join our local business community today to discuss her efforts to ensure they have the resources they need to launch, expand, and become successful.”

“Nine Innings of Networking” Southern Maryland Job Fair brought together employers and over 800 job seekers throughout the region. The job fair provided businesses with an opportunity to meet and interview talented job seekers and participate in professional development workshops on how to become federally certified, expand business during an economic downturn, and utilize social media.