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### **MAYOR NUTTER REFLECTS ON FIRST 100 DAYS, ANNOUNCES RE-ENTRY PROGRAM OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

*Philadelphia, April 15* – On his 100<sup>th</sup> day since taking office Mayor Michael A. Nutter announced that the Philadelphia Re-Entry Program – an initiative providing a path back to work for ex-offenders – is now open for business.

“Jobs are crucial to a comprehensive public safety plan and providing job opportunities for ex-offenders will go a long way to achieving a sustainable decrease in crime,” said Mayor Nutter. “I encourage all businesses in Philadelphia to identify potential opportunities for those who may have made mistakes in the past, but who have served their time and are looking to turn their lives around.”

Mayor Nutter was joined by Deputy Mayor for Public Safety Everett Gillison, Director of the Mayor’s Office of Re-Entry Ron Cuie, and leaders from the business community as he announced that regulations for the Philadelphia Re-Entry Program have been finalized and the Department of Revenue is ready to accept applications.

Any business that has hired an ex-offender since January 1, 2008 can apply for a \$10,000 credit against their Business Privilege Tax for three years, if certain conditions are met. Applications are available on the Department of Revenue website: [www.phila.gov/Revenue](http://www.phila.gov/Revenue)

At the press conference Mayor Nutter also reflected on his first 100 days in office: “I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish in our first 100 days, but this is just the beginning and we have much more work to do. Real change doesn’t happen overnight, but I believe we have set on the right path and laid a solid foundation for the future.”

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