

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 07-11

Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Associate Directors
DCS Field Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Susan V. Lawler, Director
Division of Career Services

Date: March 8, 2007

Subject: **Early Daylight Saving Time Change March 11, 2007
Potential Impact on Computer Systems**

Purpose: To provide information regarding the potential impact on computer systems and other office machines and devices with the early start of Daylight Saving Time beginning in 2007.

Background: A provision of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 changed Daylight Saving Time (DST) to begin three weeks earlier and end one week later, effective in 2007. Starting this year, DST will begin the second week of March and end the first week in November (March 11 and November 4, respectively in 2007). This is the first modification to the DST rules in the United States in 20 years.

The time of day that we begin and end observing Daylight Saving Time has not changed; in the United States DST still begins at 2:00 am standard time in the spring, when clocks are set forward to 3:00 am, and ends at 2:00 am daylight saving time in the fall, when clocks are set back to 1:00 am.

The change in the start of DST may have an impact on computer systems and other office devices.

The Department of Workforce Development's Information Technology Department issued information to network users and local Network Administrators via email on March 6 and March 7.

Attached is the text of the email sent by Dennis Thompson on March 7, 2007 to all Network Administrators. Also included is a copy of the email sent by Jeff Ritter to all detma.org network users on March 6, 2007.

Action

Required: Please assure that all appropriate staff are notified of the contents of this issuance. In particular, individuals who are responsible for maintaining computer systems and office devices should be prepared to handle issues arising from the early start of Daylight Saving Time this year.

Effective: Immediately.

Inquiries: Any questions related to this correspondence should be directed to Dawn McElaney at (617) 626-5736 or dmcelaney@detma.org. Technical questions concerning the detma.org network should be directed to the DWD IT Help Desk at 617-626-5555.