

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 07-33**

Policy  Information

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**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:** May 29, 2007

**Subject:** **Adult Basic Education Regional Strategic Planning Meetings**

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**Purpose:** To provide notification to Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a series of regional strategic planning meetings to inform the direction of future policy development with respect to Adult Basic Education services.

**Background:** The Patrick administration has convened an Adult Basic Education (ABE) Strategic Planning Committee for the purpose of drafting a plan for the future delivery of ABE services within the Commonwealth. As part of its charge, the ABE Strategic Planning Committee has identified the following six driving forces that will significantly influence the future model of the state's ABE system:

1. ABE System Access and Accountability
  - ✓ Make ABE available to all
  - ✓ Reduce student barriers
  - ✓ Produce outcomes and results
2. Economic and Workforce Development Needs
  - ✓ Focus on multi-level labor markets
  - ✓ Work with the workforce development system
3. Societal and Community Needs
  - ✓ Recognize family, parent and civic responsibilities
  - ✓ Achieve the American dream

4. Student Goals
  - ✓ Enable students to fulfill their different roles
  - ✓ ABE meets multiple goals
5. Linking Education and Skill Achievement Beyond ABE
  - ✓ Promote on-going learning
  - ✓ Connect students to the next step
6. ABE/ESOL Workforce
  - ✓ Address current working conditions
  - ✓ Develop career pathways for the next generation
  - ✓ Address the cost vs. quality dilemma

**Action**

**Required:**

Workforce development stakeholders and partners play a significant role in the Commonwealth's efforts to reach the strategic goals envisioned for the state's ABE system to improve economic opportunities for all of the state's citizens. All stakeholders and partners are invited to attend the regional strategic planning meetings in their area. The schedule is:

- May 30 - 1:30 to 4 - Holyoke Community College/SABES West
- May 31 - 9:30 to 12 - Quinsigamond Community College/SABES Central - Harington Building - Room 109B
- June 7th - 9:30 to 12 -Bristol Community College/Southeast SABES - Fall River Campus, G Building - Staff Lounge
- June 8th - 9:30 to 12 - Northern Essex Community College, Lawrence/Northeast SABES - L244
- June 8th - 1:30 to 4 - U/Mass Boston/ALRI - Wheatly Hall, 4th Floor - Student Lounge

**NOTE:** Those planning to attend any of the scheduled sessions should review the full Regional Strategic Planning Meeting Agenda (Attachment A).

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