MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

MassWorkforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 07-44 ☐ **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: David W. Mackley, Director
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Date: July 3, 2007

Subject: **Workforce Investment Act Waivers – Temporary Extension**

Purpose: To notify local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other workforce investment partners of the extension of the three statutory waivers authorized for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through September 28, 2007.

Background: In July, 2005, the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) authorized the implementation of three statutory waivers for Massachusetts. The waivers, listed below, were authorized through June 30, 2007.

In conjunction with the authority to continue the current State Plan through September 28, 2007, waiver authority has also been extended.

<u>Waivers Currently in Effect:</u>

- The procurement of youth follow-up services may be combined with the procurement of youth framework services. If the combined framework/follow-up services are to be provided by the local area's designated fiscal agent, a competitive procurement process is not required. If the combined framework/follow-up services are to be provided by an organization other than the designated fiscal agent, a competitive

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procurement process consistent with all federal and/or state requirements must be followed.

- Local Workforce Investment Boards may, with the Governor's approval, transfer up to 50 percent of their local allocations for Title I Adult and Dislocated funds from one program to the other.

- Local Workforce Investment Boards have authority to use Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for WIA Title I Youth participants (only for Older Youth and Out-of-School Younger Youth).

Action Required: Local workforce stakeholders and partners should ensure that all appropriate staff are informed of the content of this issuance.