

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 07-70**

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:** David W. Mackley, Director  
Department of Workforce Development

**Date:** October 19, 2007

**Subject:** **Regional Innovation Grants Presentation**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards of a scheduled information session regarding the submission of applications for NEG Regional Innovation Grants (RIGs)

**Background:** On August 6, 2007, MassWorkforce Issuance No. 07-56 Regional Innovation Grants was posted, announcing the opportunity to apply for grants up to an amount of \$250,000 to initiate an integrated planning process with respect to major worker dislocation activity. The grant opportunity was formally announced in Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 16-03, Change 5 issued by the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) on April 27, 2007. Eligible applicants are limited to state workforce investment agencies or a multi-state agency consortium, a local WIB or a consortium of local workforce boards.

To assist local areas exploring the feasibility of submitting grant application, the USDOL Regional Office has agreed to conduct an information session to answer questions and provide guidance with respect to the grant application requirements and process. The presentation has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 10:00 am at Employment and Training Resources, 275 Prospect Street,

Norwood, MA (see below for directions). The session is expected to last approximately two hours.

**Action**

**Required:** All interested Workforce Investment Board members and appropriate staff are strongly encouraged to attend this session. While One-Stop Career Centers or other local partner organizations are not eligible applicants for a Regional Innovation Grant, they will be a vital component of, and contributor to any planned grant initiative. As such, appropriate representatives of the local One-Stop system are also welcome to attend. Seating is limited, so please register as soon as possible.

**To Register:** Email Lisa Caissie at [lcaissie@detma.org](mailto:lcaissie@detma.org) by Thursday, October 25, 2007.

**Directions:** Take Route 109 west; Exit 16B. Follow Route 109 west approximately 2 miles. Take a left onto Nahatan Street. Follow Nahatan Street approximately 2 miles and take a right at first full set of lights onto Prospect Street. Entrance to Metro South/West (ETR) is approximately 2/10 mile on the right. It is located in the building that previously housed the Norwood North Junior High School. Enter door number #24 which is clearly marked, and continue straight ahead to reception.

From Route 1, take Norwood/Canton Exit to Nahatan Street. Follow Nahatan Street approximately 2 miles or 6 full sets of lights to Prospect Street. Take left onto Prospect Street. Entrance to Metro South/West (ETR) is approximately 2/10 mile on the right. It is located in the former Norwood North Junior High School.