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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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Career Center Directors
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DCS Associate Directors

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Jennifer James, Undersecretary of Workforce Development
Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

Date: August 15, 2008

Subject: **Statewide Veterans Conference**

Purpose: To inform Career Center Directors and statewide Workforce Development Partners about the Statewide Veterans Conference to be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, 366 Main Street, Sturbridge, Massachusetts on September 5, 2008.

Background: The Division of Career Services in conjunction with the Department of Veteran Services will be hosting this year's Statewide Veterans Conference at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, on Friday September 5th, 2008 from 9 AM until 4 PM. Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:00 AM. Lunch will be provided.

This conference is designed as a forum for representatives from federal and state agencies; veterans' service providers; and the career center system to network, share information and address common issues. The theme for this year's conference results from output from the Governor's Council on Veterans' Affairs: coordination and communication between DCS (DVOP and LVER) and DVS (municipality veteran agents). We will approach this in three specific areas:

- Methods to outreach to recently separated veterans;
- Improving services to disabled veterans;
- Veteran employment and retention (performance measures).

Each attendee will be asked to participate in a facilitated workshop on one of the three topics mentioned above.

Action

Required: Please assure that information regarding the Statewide Veterans Conference is shared with all appropriate staff. All DVOP and LVER staff are required to attend. Other local workforce development professionals, including WIB Directors, One-Stop Career Center Directors and Managers are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Attendance may be limited by space restrictions. Individuals planning to attend must pre-register. Please contact Maria Caira (by email only) at MCaira@detma.org no later than Friday, August 29th to register.

Directions and Maps can be located at www.sturbridgehosthotel.com

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