

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 08-33**

Policy  Information

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Investment Board Chairs  
Workforce Investment Board Directors  
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Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Regional Managers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Suzanne M. Bump, Secretary  
Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

**Date:** August 29 2008

**Subject:** **Secretary's Ex-Offender Re-Entry Partnership Initiative – Notice of Funds Availability**

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**Purpose:** The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development is pleased to announce a solicitation to apply for funds to provide employment services to ex-offenders returning to the community after a period of incarceration.

The Secretary's Ex Offender Re-Entry Partnership Initiative (ERPI) seeks to strengthen communities characterized by large numbers of returning prisoners through a comprehensive program that incorporates mentoring, education, job training, job placement and other comprehensive transitional services.

**Resources:** Approximately \$2,600,000 will be available through this initiative for implementation projects. Funds will be awarded under this initiative in two tracks – implementation and planning awards. Implementation awards will be made for two years and planning awards will be made for six to twelve months. At a later date, additional resources will be released to support planning awards.

Additional years of funding are not planned, but may be available contingent on availability of funds and demonstrated performance. The Office of the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development will issue a second Notice of Funds Availability in the fall for planning awards.

**Action**

**Required:** The Application for implementation awards will be issued by the Office of the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development on or about September 5, 2008 and posted on [www.massworkforce.org](http://www.massworkforce.org). Invited applicants will submit applications by October 29, 2008.

**Inquiries:** Questions regarding this Notice of Funds Availability should be addressed to R.J. McGrail, Director of Special Projects, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development at [rj.mcgrail@state.ma.us](mailto:rj.mcgrail@state.ma.us) or 617-626-7104.