

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 08-36**

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 Regional Managers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

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

**Date:** September 8, 2008

**Subject:** **Secretary's Ex-Offender Re-Entry Partnership Initiative Application**

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**Purpose:** The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development is pleased to issue the Application for implementing regions (Boston, Hampden, Central-Central Mass & Metro SouthWest, Bristol/New Bedford) 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.

**Action**

**Required:** Implementing regions should review the contents of this issuance and follow Application instructions in preparing all submission packages. Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm October 29, 2008.

An information session for implementing regional partnerships will be held:

**Date:** Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10 to 12

**Location:** Central Massachusetts REB  
44 Front Street, Suite 300, Worcester

**Reference:** MassWorkforce Issuance # 08-33, Notice of Funds Availability

**Inquiries:** Questions regarding this Application or the information session should be addressed to Dawn McElaney Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development – Division of Career Services at [dmcelaney@detma.org](mailto:dmcelaney@detma.org) or 617-626-5736.