

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 09-63**

Policy

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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:** Nancy Snyder, President  
Commonwealth Corporation

**Date:** September 18, 2009

**Subject:** **Construction Trades and Related Occupations Preparation Program  
Request for Qualifications - Revised**

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**Purpose:** To provide notification to Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the deadline extension for submission of the request for qualifications for the Construction Trades and Related Occupations Preparation Program previously announced in MassWorkforce Issuance No. 09-59 (8/28/2009).

**Note: This issuance extends the deadline for submission of applications to October 9<sup>th</sup> at noon** (from the prior deadline of September 23, 2009).

**Background:** As part of Governor Patrick's Massachusetts Recovery Plan to secure the state's economic future, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) seeks to ensure career access to unemployed or underemployed populations facing additional barriers to employment during the economic recession. Qualifications are being sought from applicants to deliver programs that provide training and support services to prepare participants directly for jobs and/or apprenticeship placements in construction trades and related occupations. Of the unemployed and underemployed populations, EOWLD is particularly interested in programs that serve one of the following populations: women, people of color, out-of-school youth ages 17-24, and ex-offenders.

This solicitation is offered by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. The grant program is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and is administered by the Commonwealth Corporation through the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund.

This request for qualifications is open to:

- Non-profit or for profit skills training providers with experience in preparing individuals for the targeted occupations,
- Employers or groups of employers,
- Union/Employer partnerships,
- 2 and 4-year public or private accredited post-secondary institutions that grant certificates and degrees,
- Vocational technical high schools that offer post-secondary certificates,
- Community-based organizations with experience in serving the target population,
- Workforce Investment Boards, and
- Career Centers.

**Required:** All solicitation responses must be submitted electronically by email to the Commonwealth Corporation and must be received no later than noon on Friday, October 9, 2009. The email address is: [srs@commcorp.org](mailto:srs@commcorp.org).

Please review the official request for qualifications for a complete list of requirements.

- A copy of the request for qualifications is posted at [www.commcorp.org](http://www.commcorp.org).
- A copy of the request for qualifications is also posted at [www.commpass.org](http://www.commpass.org), and may be accessed by selecting “search solicitations.” This solicitation can be found by searching document number: “CommCorp1.”

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