

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy

Information

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/CEO
Commonwealth Corporation

Date: October 14, 2009

Subject: **Healthcare Skills Gap Partnership Request for Applications**

Purpose: To provide notification to Local Workforce Investment Boards of the deadline for a request for applications for the Healthcare Skills Gap Partnerships.

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) seek to ensure career access to unemployed or under-employed populations facing additional barriers to employment during the economic recession. Applications are being sought to:

- Provide training and support services to prepare participants directly for jobs in healthcare occupations.
- Re-design certificate/degree programs that prepare participants for healthcare occupations.
- Develop sustainable regional partnerships among employers, post-secondary education institutions, the workforce development system, and community based organizations that will continue beyond the life of the grant.

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:

- Workforce Investment Boards

Required: **Letter of Intent:**

Submit a letter of intent by October 16, 2009. Please indicate an intention to apply and whether the application will be submitted for the first or second deadline.

Application Deadlines: There are two response dates for applications: All solicitation responses must be submitted electronically by email to the Commonwealth Corporation and must be received no later than noon on both dates.

For the first solicitation, the deadline is

Friday, December 4, 2009. The email address is: srs@commcorp.org.

For the second solicitation the deadline is

Friday, January 15, 2010. The email address is: srs@commcorp.org.

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

- A copy of the request for applications is posted at www.commcorp.org.
- A copy of the request for applications is also posted at www.commpass.org, and may be accessed by selecting “search solicitations.” This solicitation can be found by searching document number: “CommCorp2.”

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