

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 10-28

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: Michael Taylor, Director
Department of Workforce Development

Date: March 29, 2010

Subject: **Revised Eligibility for Veterans in Conjunction with the Hiring Incentive Training Grant (HITG)**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs), One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a revision to the eligibility requirements for Massachusetts veterans hired by employers in conjunction with the Hiring Incentive Training Grant (HITG) program.

Background: On February 2, 2010, reactivation of the Hiring Incentive Training Grant (HITG) program was announced in MassWorkforce Issuance No. 10-06. Under the program, an employer who pays into the Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund is able to receive a flat fee grant of \$2,000 for each Massachusetts resident hired, who for the prior one year period had been continuously unemployed. Under HITG, an employer can receive up to a maximum annual total of \$20,000.

Effective immediately, the HITG program requirement that a Massachusetts military veteran hired by an eligible employer must have been continuously unemployed for a minimum of one year is waived.

Waiving of the one year of continuous unemployment requirement applies only to a Massachusetts resident who, based on information documented on his/her military DD 214 (discharge form) qualifies as a U.S. military veteran.

In order to access HITG funds, employers must submit an online application within 30 days following the individual's date of hire. The application may be accessed through the following link:

<http://web.detma.org/wtf/hitg/hp1.asp>

For all HITG applications submitted through June 30, 2010, the planned training must be completed no later than December 31, 2010. Interested employers can access additional information about HITG grants through the following link:

www.mass.gov/hiringgrant

Should the Hiring Incentive Training Grant Program be authorized beyond June 30, 2010, notice will be provided in a separate issuance.

Action

Required: Please assure that all appropriate staff, particularly those working directly with veterans, veterans' organizations and local businesses, are aware of the contents of this issuance.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: All inquiries should be directed to Jason Albert, Associate Director, Workforce Training Fund at: jalbert@detma.org.