

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

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cc: WIA State Partners

From: George Moriarty, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: August 3, 2012

Subject: Opportunity for Public Comment: 2012 Agricultural Outreach Plan (AOP)

Purpose: To inform Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the opportunity for public review and comment on the Massachusetts 2012 Agricultural Outreach Plan (AOP).

Background: The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) requires that basic labor exchange services be provided through the One-Stop delivery system. Further, WIA requires that States include in their Strategic Five-Year Plan a detailed description of the Wagner-Peyser Act services that will be provided to job seekers and employers. In accordance with 20 CFR part 653, and regulations governing the implementation and administration of the Workforce Investment Act, Massachusetts is providing the opportunity for public comment on and input into the development of the Agricultural Outreach Plan prior to its submission to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Action: The Agricultural Outreach Plan (AOP) was developed by the Massachusetts Department of Career Services, as the designated state agency responsible for administration and oversight of Title I of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

Input is being sought from state and local workforce development partners, the New England Farm Workers Council (NEFWC), other appropriate Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker (MSFW) groups, public agencies, agricultural and other employer organizations to comment on the State AOP.

The draft AOP document outlines the proposed activities the Department of Career Services will engage in to identify and serve Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers for the 2012 program year. This plan, included as an attachment, also outlines the goals and lists the services to be provided to the agricultural community.

Public input will be reviewed and incorporated, as appropriate, prior to final approval. All comments will be attached to the final plan as Appendix A. Comments on the Agricultural Outreach Plan (AOP) can be sent to the Department of Career Services, 19 Staniford Street, 1st Floor, Boston, MA 02114, Attention: Alice Sweeney; or by e-mail at asweeney@detma.org. Public comments on the AOP will be accepted through September 5, 2012

Attachments: 2012 Agricultural Outreach Plan (AOP)