

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 Operations Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Acting Director
Department of Career Services

Date: November 29, 2012

Subject: **New: Workforce Information Sharing Conference Calls**

Purpose:

- To announce the implementation of a new communication feature for the Massachusetts Workforce Development System.
- To seek feedback from Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs), One-Stop Career Center Operators and other workforce investment partners regarding proposed changes to the current monthly Workforce Partners meeting schedule.

Background: The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) and the Department of Career Services (DCS) have jointly held monthly Workforce Partners meetings over the past several years, drawing attendance from workforce professionals system-wide. These meetings have proven to be an excellent opportunity to share valuable information, discuss issues and promising practices and introduce new system members and ideas.

As we move into 2013, there is much happening in the workforce world, and it is especially important that the Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Centers and workforce partners are kept abreast of potential and impending opportunities, events and changes. Most importantly, the workforce system will benefit from an ongoing, open dialogue among all system stakeholders.

In the effort to strengthen the sharing of information, support the dissemination of information in a more comprehensive and timely manner, and ensure that all voices are heard, we are introducing a new feature: **Workforce Information Sharing Conference Calls**. The bi-weekly conference calls will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, beginning on **Tuesday, December 4, 2012**.

The Workforce Information Sharing Conference Calls will be scheduled from 11:00 to 12:00 every other Tuesday through March 2013, and beyond, if they prove to be a successful format. The agenda will be driven by current events and audience participation. Please check your email for the call-in number and participant passcode.

We are also proposing a change in the **Workforce Partners** meeting to a bi-monthly format beginning in January or February 2013. We would appreciate your feedback on this idea.

Action

Required: Please share this information with all interested parties. Please forward comments regarding moving to a bi-monthly format for the **Workforce Partners** meeting to Lisa Caissie at lcaissie@detma.org by **Friday, December 7th**.