

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 11-42

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: George Moriarty, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: June 30, 2011

Subject: **Extension of Current WIA Workforce Investment Board Certifications**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs), Local Chief Elected Officials, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the extension of the current Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Certification period.

Background: Over the past several years, Massachusetts has embarked on a concerted effort to institute enhanced standards for local workforce boards (WIBs) in meeting the workforce development needs of their region and local communities. The Commonwealth's effort, embodied in the High Performing WIB initiative, is intended to build on mandated WIA certification requirements in order to assure that local policy and decision-making remains focused on a strategic view of improving service implementation and delivery.

While State and local practitioners continue to work toward the goal of greater coordination and synergy between the federal and state visions for ensuring the most effective workforce system through strengthened WIB standards, the statutory requirements under WIA for WIB certification remain in effect. The current WIB WIA certifications are effective through June 30, 2011. In consideration of the fact that the FY2012 Local Annual WIA Plan schedule has become protracted and in order to ensure that WIBs will have sufficient time to prepare requisite certification documents, the Department of Career Services will extend the current certification period.

Policy: The Commonwealth has determined as a matter of policy that the effective time period for all current WIB WIA certifications will be extended through December 31, 2011. However, notwithstanding the extension of the certification period, each Workforce Investment Board must ensure that the Membership Matrix (Attachment A) for both the WIB and Youth Council is current and up to date.

Action Required: Local WIBs must ensure that DCS has on file the most current and up to date Membership Matrix for both the WIB and the Youth Council. If applicable, please submit an updated Membership Matrix no later than Friday, July 29, 2011. The matrix should be submitted electronically via email to Lisa Caissie at Lcaissie@detma.org.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: Please email all questions to PolicyQA@detma.org. Also, indicate Issuance number and description.