

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: May 6, 2015

Subject: **Bidding Opportunity-MA Senior Community Service Employment Program**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce development partners of the [RFR for the Massachusetts' Senior Community Service Employment Program \(MA-SCSEP\)](#).

Background: The Executive Office of Elder Affairs, established pursuant to *M.G.L. 19A § 1*, is the Massachusetts state agency responsible for helping to support elders in the Commonwealth to live independently and with dignity in the settings of their choice. Elder Affairs' mission is to promote the independence and well-being of elders, their families, and caregivers by providing comprehensive information about healthy aging and options for long-term services and supports, by planning, developing, implementing, and managing a full array of community-based health and social services and supports, and by delivering quality elder protective services.

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) is seeking organizations to manage the Massachusetts' Senior Community Service Employment Program (MA-SCSEP) for Berkshire, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties. The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a community service and work based training program for older workers. The Program is authorized by Title V of the Older Americans Act

and administered by The U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA). DOLETA administers the Program by awarding grants to non-profit organizations and to state and territorial governments. DOLETA awards funding to EOEA to manage the SCSEP throughout the Commonwealth. The goals of the SCSEP are to:

- Enable older (55 years and older) low income job seekers, some with barriers to employment, to develop the skills and self-confidence to obtain unsubsidized jobs and become financially self-sufficient; and,
- Provide valuable community service at on-the-job training sites, as a means to improve participant's self-sufficiency, perform meaningful civic service, and to strengthen communities.

Successful bidders are expected to promote the SCSEP Program by managing the timely transition of trainees into unsubsidized employment in either the public or private sector. This is to be accomplished through supervised training and work experience at assigned host agency (training) sites within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Deadline for Quote/Bid Responses is June 1, 2015 - 4:00PM EST

Inquiries: All specific questions must be addressed through www.commbuys.com.