

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
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Subject: **ApprenticeshipUSA Information and New Technical Assistance Resources for Starting and Enhancing Registered Apprenticeship Programs**

Purpose: To notify Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of the Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Training and Employment Notice (TEN) No. 20-15, released January 11, 2016. [TEN No. 20-15](#) contains information, links and resources to expand apprenticeships across the country and is in line with DOLs aggressive goal to double and diversify apprenticeships across the country by 2019.

Background: As the economy continues to grow, businesses across all industries will need a pipeline of skilled workers to help them remain competitive. Registered Apprenticeship is a tried and true workforce strategy that offers apprentices opportunities to earn a salary while learning the skills of an employee in Advanced Manufacturing, a nursing assistant in Healthcare, or a coder in Information Technology. For employers, Registered Apprenticeship serves as an opportunity to grow its own workforce, and to meet a company's skill needs for the future. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has created ApprenticeshipUSA, a unifying name and brand that connects all registered

programs as part of a single network. TEN No. 20-15 provides information regarding:

- ApprenticeshipUSA
- National Apprenticeship Week 2015 Recap
- Information and Resources on Apprenticeship
 - Factsheets
 - Links
 - Toolkits, Playbooks and Initiatives

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