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To: Chief Elected Officials
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Workforce Development Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: January 19, 2017

Subject: **Building Pathways Pre-Apprenticeship Program Information Sessions**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the Building Pathways Building Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Program information sessions designed to find qualified applicants interested in careers as skilled building tradesmen and women in construction and transportation.

Background: Building Pathways is sponsoring information sessions to promote a Building Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Building Pathways is presenting the sessions in partnership with the Building & Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District, Boston Housing Authority, Action for Boston Community Development and the Building Trades Training Directors Association. It is funded with grants from the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, the US Department of Labor, the MA Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, and in-kind donations from union, contractor and community partners.

Building Pathways provides 6 weeks of career exploration and hands-on exposure to the trades and prepares participants for placement in a union apprenticeship. In order to apply, interested individuals must attend one of the information sessions being held January 17th – March 14th. Application deadline is March 17, 2017 for programs starting May 8th.

Action

Requested: Please share with staff, customers, and partners as appropriate.

Attachments: A. Building Pathways Information Session Flier
B. Building Pathways FAQ Brochure
C. Building Pathways Pre-Apprenticeship Brochure