

Mass Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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Title I Fiscal Officers
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cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: June 10, 2014

Subject: **Call for Presentations: Transformation Agenda Summer Gathering**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the statewide summer gathering to highlight the successful transformation of organizations through the Massachusetts Community Colleges and Workforce Development [Transformation Agenda](#). Join colleagues from community colleges, ABE programs, CBOs, One-Stop Career Centers, industry and other partners for presentations on Wednesday, August 20th, 2014 at the [Best Western Royal Plaza in Marlborough MA](#) from 8:30 – 3:30.

Organizations interested in highlighting their successful transformation are asked to email the concept for a presentation to Deborah Zulick at dzulick@qcc.mass.edu. Topic and format details are included in the Call for Presentations, Attachment A.

Background: Now in its third year, the Transformation Agenda, funded by a \$20-million grant from the US Department of Labor, has made tremendous progress toward its goals. The Massachusetts consortium has drawn national attention for its efforts to build shared systems between community colleges, adult basic education (ABE) and workforce development system partners and industry leaders to transform delivery of industry-aligned education and training programs. Through accelerated programs linked closely to industry need, these partners are removing barriers, reducing time to completion and meeting student and employer needs.

The four priorities of the grant are:

- **Accelerate progress**
- **Improve Retention & Attainment**
- **Increase Access to High Demand Careers, and**
- **Leverage Technology**

Please see Attachment B, “Progress to Date Review” for the details.

Inquiries: Please email questions to Beth Goguen at bgoguen@detma.org.

Attachments: A. MCCWDTA Call for Presentations
B. MCCWDTA Progress to Date