



Workforce Issuance

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To: MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
MassHire Career Center Directors
MassHire Fiscal Officers
MassHire DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Beth Goguen, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: October 10, 2025

Subject: **Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Connected & Online Program**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI), (*at the MassTech Collaborative*), Connected & Online Program.

Background: The \$23 million Connected & Online Program will distribute up to 27,000 internet-enabled devices and other ancillary equipment to eligible organizations across Massachusetts. The goal of the program is to expand access to education, workforce training and telehealth, through public device lending programs and on-site device stations. The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) will purchase all devices and ancillary equipment for the program to be distributed to selected participants. No direct funds will be provided, and no administrative reimbursements will be offered.

The program will support projects that advance education, workforce development and health care access by enabling remote learning, work, and

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Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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health monitoring. All projects must provide the public with free access to devices that support all three focus areas. Applications that do not address all three will be deemed ineligible.

Eligible organizations must be physically located in Massachusetts and make devices available to the public via on site use or free lending programs. Eligible organizations may apply for 30-500 of the following devices, accessories and supporting equipment:

- Laptops, tablets, desktops
- Standard peripherals (mice, keyboards, webcams, docking stations)
- Supportive equipment:
 - Remote patient monitoring kits
 - Assistive technology hardware/software for individuals with accessibility needs
 - Wi-Fi access points
 - Routers
 - Printers/scanners for public spaces

Timeline

Application Open:	Monday, October 6
Technical Assistance Session:	Wednesday, October 15
Application Closes:	Friday, November 7

Action

Required: Please share with managers, staff, and partners as appropriate.

Effective: Immediately.

Inquiries: For more information and eligibility requirements visit:
<https://broadband.masstech.org/connected-online>