Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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Workforce Board Directors
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: September 25, 2018

Subject: **Guided Pathways to Success in STEM (GPSTEM): Announcing www.CareerGPS.mass.edu**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a new tool available for customers in researching and planning a Career Pathway.

200 copies of a Flyer (attachment A) for this resource will be mailed to each of the 29 Career Centers within the next several weeks.

The CareerGPS website (www.CareerGPS.mass.edu) was created by the Massachusetts community colleges. Its goal is to help prospective students and job seekers research high-growth, high-demand careers and connect to the community college programs that will prepare them for that work.

With CareerGPS, an individual can explore careers and find information on the education and training programs available at the Massachusetts community colleges. Select the programs and connect with a community college advisor

who will help you create an academic plan, apply and enroll, and find ways to fund college education.

Background: The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announced in the Federal Register (SGA/DFA PY-13-10) the availability of $450 million authorized for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program.

Massachusetts 15 community colleges have been awarded a $20 million grant with the designated lead being Massasoit Community College. The grant is entitled "Guided Pathways to Success in STEM (GPSTEM) Project".

General expectations of this grant are to further statewide initiatives addressing training and educational needs in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math, as well as advanced manufacturing, information technology, biotechnology and healthcare.

Action Requested: Please disseminate this information and assure that all appropriate staff are aware of this new tool to share with customers.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: Questions regarding this program should be directed to Beth Goguen bgoguen@detma.org or 617-626-6053.

Attachment: A. CareerGPS Flyer