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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
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Date: October 3, 2018

Subject: **Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs: A New Approach to a Proven Model – WorkforceGPS Webinar**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, Career Centers and other local workforce partners of [Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs: A New Approach to a Proven Model](#) webinar offered through WorkforceGPS scheduled for Thursday, October 11th from 3:00 – 4:00.

Background: In response to industry demands for more innovative workforce training solutions, the US Department of Labor in partnership with industry is launching a new apprenticeship model – Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs). This webinar will provide information for organizations interested in learning more about IRAPs. This new industry-driven model offers businesses a new way to upskill their workforce and train new talent to meet the skill requirements of industry. Accredited by independent organizations, IRAPs will provide businesses the opportunity to implement apprenticeship programs based on standards set by industry and receive recognition within their industry for sponsoring a high-quality program.

The webinar will explain this innovation in apprenticeship, and how businesses and their partners can use IRAPs to build the skilled workforce needed to be competitive now and in the future.

An account is required before registering for a WorkforceGPS event. Click [here](#) to create a free account.

Action

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

Effective: Immediately.