



DEPARTMENT OF
CAREER SERVICES

Workforce Issuance

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

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
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Date: April 10, 2020

Subject: **Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Program Webinar for Prospective Standards Recognition Entities**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce development partners of a webinar sponsored through WorkforceGPS: Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Program Webinar for Prospective Standards Recognition Entities scheduled for April 16th from 3:00 – 4:00.

Background: WorkforceGPS is an online technical assistance website created to help build the capacity of America's public workforce investment system. Sponsored by the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor, WorkforceGPS was developed specifically for workforce professionals, educators, and business leaders. WorkforceGPS is free but does require account registration.

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On March 11, 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor published a Final Rule to establish a system for advancing the development of industry-recognized apprenticeship programs (IRAPs). IRAPs are high-quality apprenticeship programs that provide individuals with opportunities to obtain workplace-relevant knowledge and progressively advancing skills.

IRAPs include a paid-work component and an educational component, and result in an industry-recognized credential. An IRAP is developed or delivered by entities such as trade and industry groups, corporations, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, unions, and joint labor-management organizations.

The final rule establishes a process for the Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship Administrator to recognize qualified third-party entities, known as Standards Recognition Entities (SREs), which will, in turn, evaluate and recognize IRAPs in accordance with the standards established by the Department's new rule.

This webinar will provide important information for those interested in becoming an SRE, such as the roles and responsibilities of an SRE and how to apply to become a DOL recognized SRE.

Action

Requested: Please share this issuance with all appropriate managers, staff and partners.

Effective: Immediately.