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From: Alice Sweeney, Director

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Date: June 3, 2021

Subject: Assessing & Developing Soft Skills of Today's Workforce – WorkforceGPS Webinar

Purpose:

To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce partners of the WorkforceGPS webinar: Assessing and Developing the Soft Skills of Today's Workforce. The webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22^{nd} from 1:00 - 2:30. Learn how four organizations are assessing and developing the soft skills of job seekers and students they serve. Speakers will share their real-world experiences with a variety of soft skill assessment tools and their tips for success. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn how to implement soft skill assessment tools in their own organizations.

Background: Employers and workforce professionals alike continue to stress the importance of personal effectiveness competencies, also known as "soft skills." Despite a common understanding of the importance of soft skills, organizations often struggle to assess and develop these critical skills in today's workforce. In this webinar, presenters will share:

- How they selected a soft skill assessment tool;
- What steps they took to implement the tool in their organization;

- Tips and advice for others looking to improve the soft skills of job seekers;
- And much more!

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Action

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

Effective: Immediately