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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: October 4, 2021

Subject: **Latinos and an Equitable Labor Market Virtual Forum**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Center Operators, and other workforce development partners of the Essential Today, Essential for the Future Latinos and an Equitable Labor Market Recovery virtual forum on October 15, 2021 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. The forum is sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank, CONEXION, Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción, Massachusetts Business Roundtable, and Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.

Background: The underlying economic inequities in Massachusetts have been uncovered and magnified as we've faced the challenges of a pandemic this past year and a half. The goal of this forum is to understand the contributions made during the height of the pandemic by Latino workers - many of whom were deemed essential and kept vital services running. Through this lens, we will examine how and why an equitable labor market recovery for Latinos in Massachusetts is essential, now and in the future.

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Together, we will seek a path forward. We will identify steps toward investing in equitable recovery and socioeconomic well-being across all communities.

Speakers

- [Rosalin Acosta](#), Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- [Charlie Baker](#), Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- [Phyllis Barajas](#), CEO and Founder, CONEXION - Advancing Latino Leadership
- [Vanessa Calderón-Rosado](#), Chief Executive Officer, Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción
- [Prabal Chakrabarti](#), Executive Vice President & Community Affairs Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
- [Juan Fernando Lopera](#), Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, Beth Israel Lahey Health
- [M. Lee Pelton](#), President and CEO, The Boston Foundation
- [Mahesh Ramachandran](#), Chief Economist, Economic Research Division, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development
- [Robert \(Bob\) Rivers](#), CEO & Chair, Eastern Bank

Register online at: [Latinos and an Equitable Labor Market Recovery - Federal Reserve Bank of Boston \(bostonfed.org\)](https://www.bostonfed.org/latinos-and-an-equitable-labor-market-recovery)

Action

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

Effective: Immediately.