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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: May 2, 2023

Subject: **National Apprenticeship System Enhancements Listening Session – WorkforceGPS Webinar**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of an upcoming WorkforceGPS webinar: [A Listening Session for National Apprenticeship System Enhancements](#) on Friday, May 5 from 3:00 – 4:30pm.

Background: Since its inception, Registered Apprenticeship (RA) has played an integral role in America's workforce development landscape. On the heels of the 85th anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act and the Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship's recommendations, the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Fall 2022 Regulatory Agenda published an entry in the Federal Register for proposed rulemaking, Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1205-AC13: National Apprenticeship System Enhancements.

This notice of intended regulatory action foreshadows the U.S. Department of

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Labor's (DOL) intent to update RA regulations at 29 CFR Part 29, which were last updated in October 2008. It is the Department's hope that these revisions will promote both evolution and optimization within the National Apprenticeship System.

As a valued stakeholder, the Office of Apprenticeship requests participation in a 90-minute listening session on May 5th at 3:00pm EST wherein representatives from the Employment and Training Administration would like to hear thoughts and ideas surrounding policies and practices that could:

- Modernize the National Apprenticeship System;
- Establish uniform characteristics of quality apprenticeship programs;
- Create equitable access to Registered Apprenticeships; and
- Promote the expansion of Registered Apprenticeship to new and emerging industries.

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.

Action

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

Effective: Immediately.