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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director
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Date: May 4, 2023

Subject: **Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities Initiative Round 5 Potential Applicant Webinar – WorkforceGPS Webinar**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of an upcoming WorkforceGPS webinar: Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Initiative Round 5 Potential Applicant Webinar on Friday, May 12 from 10:30 – 12:00pm.

Background: The Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Initiative enables impacted communities to propose projects that demonstrate the alignment of regionally driven, comprehensive approaches to addressing economic distress and the necessary workforce development activities to ensure a workforce capable of succeeding in current and future job opportunities.

This webinar is designed to discuss the recently-released Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) with prospective applicants.

The Employment & Training Administration (ETA), in partnership with the Appalachian Regional Commission, Delta Regional Authority and Northern Border Regional Commission is hosting this webinar to discuss the requirements for applications for the recently published Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities, Round 5 FOA. This FOA announced the availability of up to \$44 million for grants to create economic prosperity and gainful employment opportunities for eligible residents of the Appalachian, Delta and Northern Border regions, enabling them to remain and thrive in these communities.

This webinar will discuss several topics important to prospective applicants including eligibility, grant requirements and allowable activities, performance reporting, and application procedures.

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Action

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

Effective: Immediately.