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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director

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Subject: Using Labor Market and Skills Information for Effective Strategies (Part 2) –

WorkforceGPS Webinar

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and

other workforce partners of an upcoming WorkforceGPS webinar: <u>Using Labor</u> <u>Market and Skills Information for Effective Strategies (Part 2)</u> on Wednesday,

September 6 from 1:00 - 2:00.

Background: This webinar is part two of a two-part series on using labor market information

(LMI) and skills information to inform effective sector strategies. In the first webinar, they defined the concept of sector; provided an overview of the concepts of industry and occupation and explained how government data sources identify and classify these concepts; and examined how to find quantitative labor market information. In this second webinar, they will explore qualitative data on skills and competencies for occupations and industries and find related training opportunities. The webinar will help attendees use O*NET

information to identify work activities and sector competency models that can be customized to address the specific needs of local employers in a sector. Identifying skill needs helps to identify relevant training and can point to where curriculum or work-based learning may need to be updated.

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Action

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

Effective: Immediately.