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**To:** MassHire Workforce Board Chairs  
MassHire Workforce Board Directors  
MassHire Career Center Directors  
MassHire Fiscal Officers  
MassHire DCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Diane Hurley, Acting Director  
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**Date:** January 6, 2025

**Subject:** **2024 Updated National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Policy Overview – WorkforceGPS Webinar**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of an upcoming WorkforceGPS webinar: [2024 Updated National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Policy Overview – WorkforceGPS Webinar](#), Friday, January 10, 2025, 2:00 – 3:30.

This webinar will highlight the key program policies, priorities, and application changes announced in the Updated National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Guidance and Application Information [Training and Employment Guidance Letter \(TEGL\) 09-24](#). Please submit questions to [National-Dislocated-Worker-Grants.TA@dol.gov](mailto:National-Dislocated-Worker-Grants.TA@dol.gov) to ensure they are addressed during the webinar.

**Background:** Granted by the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA), DWGs provide supplemental funding in response to layoffs and disaster events that cause or contribute to a shortage of existing Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker formula funds and other

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relevant resources in states and local areas, creating challenges to providing workforce services to eligible participants. DWGs enable states and communities to respond to and recover from large, often unexpected dislocation events and their associated impacts via Disaster or Economic Recovery type DWGs. Webinar presenters will discuss the major changes to DWG Program Guidance detailed in the updated TEGL including:

- The new funding approach,
- The new 36-month DWG performance period,
- The incorporation of National Health Emergency TEGL 04-18 elements into the updated guidance,
- The simplified instructions for meeting the “higher-than-average demand” qualifying event,
- The expansion of allowable participant activities under both types of DWGs, and
- Flexibilities for federally recognized tribal governments.

This webinar is the first in a series and will present an overview of the new guidance.

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**Action**

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

**Effective:** Immediately.