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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: September 11, 2018

Subject: **Hire a Veteran Month Kick Off**

Purpose: To invite members of all Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce, MassHire Workforce Boards, and statewide Businesses to participate in the upcoming collaborative event between the Department of Labor Veterans Training and Employment (DOL VETS), MassHire Department of Career Services and Mass BizWorks highlighting the Department of Labor's "**Veterans Medallion Program**".

Background: On May 5, 2017, President Donald Trump, through Executive Order, directed the US Department of Labor to establish recognition of employer efforts to recruit, train and retain Veterans. Employer-applicants meeting criteria established in this Executive Order will receive a "HIRE Vets Medallion Award." As described in the Act, there are different awards for large employers (500 plus employees), medium employers (51-499 employees), and small employers (50 or fewer employees). Additionally, there are two award tiers: Gold and Platinum. For each award, the employer must satisfy a set of criteria. Verification of these criteria includes a self-attestation by the applicant and a check for violations of Veteran related DOL labor laws by the U.S. Department of Labor. <https://www.hirevets.gov/>.

In an effort to collaborate between DOL VETs and MassHire Department of Career Services Veterans Program, a joint event promoting of Hiring of Veterans to Chambers of Commerce and Businesses will take place at the Massachusetts State House on October 31, 2018 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event will comprise of resource tables for employers and Chambers of Commerce to receive information on the benefits of hiring Veterans.

Tables for this event will include Mass BizWorks, MassHire Veterans Program, DOL VETs Medallion Program, Apprenticeship, Trade, WOTC, Mass Department of Higher Education, Department of Veteran Services, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program, Small Business Administration, National Guard, ESGR – Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Workforce Training Fund, and Economic Development.

Effective: Chambers of Commerce and Business, looking to participate, are requested to register for this free event on EventBrite. Space is limited to 300 total available tickets to this event.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hire-a-veteran-month-kickoff-tickets-50001290205>

Please alert Chambers of Commerce and Businesses in your local areas to this event, which will begin at promptly at 10:00 am at the Massachusetts State House Great Hall, 24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA.

Inquiries: For further information or questions, please contact State Local Veterans Employment Representative, Christopher Mills at Chris.Mills@detma.org.

Attachment: A. Hire a Veteran Month FLYER