



Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
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MassHire Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
MDCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: November 19, 2018

Subject: **Apprenticeship Expansion - Related Technical Instruction (RTI) Grant RFR**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of an Apprenticeship Expansion Related Technical Instruction (RTI) grant RFR available through [CommBuys Operational Services Division](#).

Background: In June 2018, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) published the [Apprenticeship Expansion Plan](#), a strategic planning document compiled with inputs from and the support of multiple education, business, labor, legislative, and community partners. The goals of the strategic plan are to expand Registered Apprenticeship to priority industries of **healthcare, manufacturing, and technology**; and **diversify** the existing apprenticeship workforce. The statewide priority industries described above were developed through the Workforce Skills Cabinet's [Regional Planning Process](#).

To support the goals of the Apprentice Expansion Plan, Governor Baker and the Massachusetts Legislature approved a first-time state line item, 7003-0151. Related Technical Instruction (RTI) grants will be issued in accordance with this line item and the Apprenticeship Expansion Plan.

The grant funding will be used to pay for the cost of related technical instruction, or classroom instruction, for the addition of new apprentices to approved Registered Apprenticeship programs in order to grow the total number of apprentices in the healthcare, manufacturing, and technology and diversify the existing apprenticeship workforce.

Action

Required: Please review and share this opportunity as appropriate.

Effective: Immediately