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Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
Title I Administrators
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: March 1, 2019

Subject: Re-Entry Workforce Development Demonstration Program FY'19 Appropriation: Program Design Capacity Building Grants.

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Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of a request for qualifications (RFQ) for the Re-Entry Workforce Development Demonstration Program FY19.

Background: Commonwealth Corporation is pleased to announce the release of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Re-Entry Workforce Development Demonstration Program FY19 Appropriation: Program Design Capacity Building Grants.

The Re-Entry Workforce Development Demonstration Program is an initiative of Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) Secretary Rosalin Acosta in support of Governor Baker's effort to improve workforce outcomes among individuals returning to their communities after incarceration (i.e. returning citizens). This state-funded initiative is administered by Commonwealth Corporation on behalf of EOLWD. This grant program is funded through a General Appropriation Act in the Fiscal Year 2019 State Budget (7003-0150).

Commonwealth Corporation seeks qualified partnerships that, upon successful grant award, will work with Commonwealth Corporation for a duration of approximately three months to design or re-design an occupationally-specific training and placement program that will develop more robust state-wide capacity to support returning citizens in obtaining and retaining unsubsidized employment. A grant award through this grant program does not provide a commitment or resources to fund the delivery of training and placement services; however, we anticipate that each partnership who successfully completes all program design activities will be better positioned to compete for future available resources from a variety of sources.

Questions will be accepted in writing through Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 5pm. Please submit these via email to Zac Rich at **zrich@commcorp.org**.

Applicants can sign up at **this link** (**https://commcorp.tfaforms.net/328758**) to receive email notifications when new responses are posted.

The deadline to submit responses is Thursday, March 14, 2019 by 11:59 PM. Please upload your submission electronically to the following link: **https://commcorp.tfaforms.net/328759**.

Please see the **Request for Qualifications** for more information. **http://commcorp.org/available-funding/**

Action Required: Please share this information with managers, staff and partners as appropriate.