



# 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 27, 2019

**Subject:** **RFP – Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund FY'19 Appropriation**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners that Commonwealth Corporation announced the release of the Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly Workforce Success Grants funded through the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund FY'19 Appropriation.

**Background:** The Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund (WCTF) FY'19 Appropriation is designed to fund training and placement or training and advancement programs in health care, information technology (IT) and other specific occupational priorities that have been identified through the Regional Workforce Skills Planning Initiative regional blueprint process. Commonwealth Corporation seeks to fund proposals from qualified partnerships that propose to implement one of the two following options over a two- or three-year period:

- Training and Placement Program [Option A]: Partnerships proposing to deliver cohort-based, occupationally focused training and placement

programs to unemployed and/or underemployed individuals, with a goal to place them in unsubsidized employment in the target occupation upon completion of training at a target wage of at least \$13.50 per hour. See RFP for more details.

- Training and Advancement Program [Option B]: This option seeks to provide advancement opportunities for entry-level workers at their current employer (people currently working in the target sector and currently earning less than \$15/hour). See RFP for more details.

Questions will be accepted in writing through May 1, 2019 at 5 PM. Please submit these via email to Anthony Britt at [abritt@commcorp.org](mailto:abritt@commcorp.org). Applicants can sign up at this link (<https://commcorp.tfaforms.net/328762>) to receive email notifications when new responses are posted.

The deadline to submit responses is Thursday, May 9, 2019 by 11:59 PM. Please upload your submission electronically to the following link: <https://commcorp.tfaforms.net/328763>. Please see the Request for Proposals for more information at <http://commcorp.org/available-funding/>.

This solicitation is offered by Commonwealth Corporation and funded through the WCTF line item in the Fiscal Year 2019 State Budget (7002-1075). This state-funded initiative is administered by Commonwealth Corporation on behalf of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD).

**Action**

**Requested:** Please share this email with appropriate partners and stakeholders.