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

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: July 7, 2020

Subject: **Funding Opportunity – Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Technical Assistance Grant Program**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) funding opportunity announced July 2, 2020 on Grants.gov – ***FOA-WB-20-01 Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Technical Assistance Grant Program.***

Background: This program aims to provide technical assistance (TA) to employers and labor unions to encourage employment of women in both apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations (A/NTO), specifically in:

- Developing (establishing, expanding, and/or enhancing) pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship (includes Registered Apprenticeship Programs, Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs, and other apprenticeship programs), or other nontraditional skills training programs designed to prepare women for careers in A/NTO;
- Providing ongoing orientations or other resources for employers, unions, and workers on creating a successful environment for women in A/NTO; and/or

- Setting up support groups, facilitating networks, and/or providing supportive services (as defined in section IV.E.3) for women in A/NTO to improve their retention.

Funding Opportunity Number: FOA-WB-20-01
Application Deadline: August 3, 2020
Estimated Total Funding: \$4,100,000
Award Ceiling: \$750,000
Award Floor: \$350,000
Anticipated # of Awards: 5 - 11
Period of Performance: 24 mos. Starting 10/1/2020
Eligible Applicants: Only CBOs as defined in Section III.C.1 are eligible. A consortium of CBOs may apply as a single applicant, provided the applicant includes a copy of the consortium agreement that specifies which entity will administer the grant. Current/Former Grantees - Recipients of funds awarded under previous WANTO Act grant programs

Action

Requested: Please share with managers, staff, and partners as appropriate.

Attachment: FOA-WB-20-01 – Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations TA Program