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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: December 9, 2020

Subject: **DESE Funding Opportunity FY2021**
Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) in Correctional Institutions (Planning Grant) Opportunity

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce development partners of the funding opportunity from The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education seeking to fund FY2021 competitive planning grants. These grants are intended to facilitate collaboration between correctional institutions, community corrections, career and technical education (CTE) providers and local area employers in planning the design or redesign of career and technical education programs to include both distance learning and transition support services that are informed by evidence-based practices in re-entry.

Action

Required: Proposals must be received by email by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, January 15, 2021** to Karen DeCoster at KarenA.DeCoster@Mass.Gov

Bidders' Conference: A Bidders' Conference will be held via Zoom the week of December 14, 2020. The final date and Zoom link will be posted at [Funding Opportunities page](#).

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: All inquiries must be submitted by email to Karen DeCoster at KarenA.DeCoster@Mass.Gov by December 23, 2020. All answers will be posted to the [ACLS website](#).

Attachment: Planning Grant Instructions and Guidance