



DEPARTMENT OF  
CAREER SERVICES

# Workforce Issuance

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

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
MassHire Department of Career Services

**Date:** March 4, 2021

**Subject:** **Apprenticeship Growth and Expansion Funding Opportunity –  
Bid Deadline Extended**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, Massachusetts Registered Apprenticeship Sponsors, prospective sponsors, Related Technical Instruction training partners and other workforce development partners of an Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) grant funding opportunity announced March 1, 2021.

**Background:** In June 2018, 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; diversify the existing apprenticeship workforce; and enhance apprenticeship programs through varying strategies.

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To support the goals of the Apprentice Expansion Plan, Governor Baker and the Massachusetts Legislature approved a first-time state line-item, 7003-0151. Accordingly, state line-item apprenticeship grants will be issued in alignment with the strategic plan and will be further complemented by federally funded apprenticeship grants awarded to the Commonwealth and intended to achieve similar goals, including impact beyond expansion sector apprenticeship growth.

**Announcement:** On March 1, 2021, EOLWD released Request for Responses (RFR) Apprenticeship Growth & Expansion Grants (Commbuys Bid Number 21-1043-1043C-1043L-59235), which can be found at:

<https://www.commbuys.com/bsa/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=BD-21-1043-1043C-1043L-59235&external=true&parentUrl=bid>

An optional Bidders Conference webinar is scheduled for March 10, 2021, at 10:00 AM EST and will be accessible through the following link:

<https://eolwdma.webex.com/eolwdma/j.php?MTID=m9c4fbe0095608f81dea624689a4f9269>

**RFR responses are due April 2, 2021 by 3:00 PM EST.**

Submission instructions can be found in the previously provided Commbuys link.

Any questions must be submitted by email to the following address:

[CandP@mass.gov](mailto:CandP@mass.gov) by March 10, 2021 by 5:00 PM EST.

**Additional information:**

The following categories will be available for competitive funding through the RFR:

Category 1: Apprenticeship Related Technical Instruction for Expansion Industries

Category 2: Apprentice Placement Services

Category 3: Apprenticeship Sector Hub Development

Category 4: Statewide Manufacturing Apprenticeship Intermediary

Category 5: Youth Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Training Services

Please refer to the provided Commbuys link for additional details:

<https://www.commbuys.com/bsa/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=BD-21-1043-1043C-1043L-59235&external=true&parentUrl=bid>

EOWLD will also release a forthcoming RFR related to diversity through apprenticeship in the Construction and Building Trades. More information will be available soon.

All Apprentice Issuances can be found at <https://mass.gov/service-details/apprenticeship-issuances>.

**Action**

**Requested:** Please share this issuance with all appropriate managers, staff and partners

**Effective:** Immediately