



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: May 21, 2021

Subject: **Career Technical Initiative**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce development partners of the Career Technical Initiative (CTI), a signature initiative of the Commonwealth's Workforce Skills Cabinet and Governor Baker.

Background: The FY21 State Budget included \$4 million for Workforce Skills Cabinet approved grants to fund 28 new career pathway programs at 10 vocational technical schools providing training and job placement to more than 428 adults to-date.

The FY22 State Budget includes an expansion of investment to \$15.37 million (EOLWD Line Item 7002-1091) to scale 3rd shift adult retraining programs to 12-16 additional vocational schools projected to train 2,400 – 3,200 participants

CTI is a signature initiative of the Workforce Skills Cabinet and Governor Baker:

- Addresses persistent skills gap that employers face in construction/trades and manufacturing

An equal opportunity employer/program.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

TDD/TTY 1-800-439-2370 - Voice 1-800-439-0183

- Provides opportunity for youth and adults to retrain for skilled occupations especially those hardest hit by COVID
- Transforms vocational high schools into Career Technical Institutes, running three shifts per day to expand enrollment of high school students and adults
- CTI is projected to train 20,000 new skilled workers in key trades and technical jobs as a multi-year strategy

Action

Requested: Please share this issuance with all appropriate staff and partners.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: For inquiries and additional information, please visit <http://commcorp.org/cti/>.

Attachment: Career Technical Initiative Flyer