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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
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Date: September 6, 2018

Subject: **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the countdown to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Background: With October around the corner, organizations of all kinds are counting down to National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) – the nationwide campaign that celebrates the skills and talents that people with disabilities bring to America's workplaces.

Reflecting a commitment to a robust and competitive American labor force, the 2018 NDEAM theme is "America's Workforce: Empowering All." This year's free [NDEAM poster](#)—available for mail order or download in both English and Spanish—captures this theme and illustrates the importance of empowering all people to work and contribute. The poster makes a perfect centerpiece for workplace NDEAM displays that illustrate your company's commitment to a disability-inclusive workforce.

NDEAM's national sponsor, the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, is empowering everyone to take part in the campaign by offering a helpful list of [ways to participate](#).

The [tools](#) for capitalizing on NDEAM are available to "empower all" this October, and all year long. For additional news and resources, [sign up for ODEP's e-mail updates](#).

Action

Required: Please share with staff, partners and employers as appropriate.