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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: June 10, 2021

Subject: **MassHire Awards Finalists 2021**

Purpose: To announce the 2021 MassHire Awards Finalists to MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce development partners, and to share updated information on how finalists and award recipients will be recognized.

Background: The 2021 MassHire Awards are in support of the MassHire brand, mission and vision. Awards will confer monetary prizes for MassHire organizations across five categories for exceptional innovations in workforce service delivery.

MassHire Awards celebrate sustainable, transformative models that achieve systemic change. Nominations speak to this theme by emphasizing new work that supports positive outcomes for staff, customers, and partners in the long-term.

Any individual MassHire staff person or team comprising at least one MassHire staff member is eligible for nomination, including non-direct service staff, managers, customer-facing staff, and administrative staff. Nominations can cover work with businesses, jobseekers, and behind-the-scenes work that impacts jobseeker and business customers.

In April 2021, a team comprising MassHire workforce board, career center and partner staff reviewed and scored each MassHire Award nomination. Three finalists for each MassHire awards category were selected on the basis of the nomination review.

Winners and funding recipients in each category will be selected by the MassHire Performance Committee of the MassHire State Workforce Board and will be announced on **July 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM** at the third annual MassHire Awards ceremony, which will be held virtually. We will also recognize all finalists and nominees at this time.

Finalists will be given the opportunity to present their award-nominated work during remote workshop events organized by the Massachusetts Workforce Association (MWA) over the next several months. MWA will contact finalists regarding next steps, and a workshop calendar will be released.

Congratulations to the nominees and congratulations to the finalists for their outstanding work!!

Attachment: MassHire Awards Finalists

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