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To: MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
MassHire Career Center Directors
MassHire Fiscal Officers
MassHire DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Beth Goguen, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: August 28, 2026

Subject: **MassHire Awards 2026**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of MassHire Award nomination details for 2026.

Background: The 2026 MassHire Awards present the opportunity to celebrate our MassHire values of *Collaboration, Respect, Reliability, and Ingenuity*, and a chance to convene the MassHire teams to recognize individual and system achievements. The sixth annual MassHire Awards will recognize and reward exceptional innovations in workforce service delivery in support of the MassHire Mission and Vision.

The 2026 MassHire Awards will carry the theme of **One Commonwealth**—celebrating the partnerships, innovation, and shared purpose that unite the MassHire system in serving Massachusetts residents and businesses.

As we enter year two of the MassHire Innovation Project, this year's awards will recognize the workforce leaders, teams, and partners whose vision and commitment are helping shape the future of MassHire—driving change, strengthening regional collaboration, and creating better connections between employers, talent, and opportunity.

One Commonwealth reflects our belief that we achieve more together. Across agencies, Workforce Boards, Career Centers, employers, state partners, and community organizations, we are building a more agile, equitable, and customer-centered workforce system.

Please share this opportunity broadly with your Board members, employers, partners, and other stakeholders so we can recognize the people, teams, and partnerships making a difference across the Commonwealth.

2026 MassHire Awards Timeline

August 2026	Nomination package released
September 25, 2026	Nominations due
October 2026	Award winners are notified
Thursday, November 19, 2026 11am-1pm	2026 MassHire Awards Ceremony Massachusetts State House Great Hall of Flags 24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA

Action

Required: Local Areas will please review details in the nomination package (attachment). Nominations are due by COB on September 25, 2026.

Inquiries: Please forward inquiries to Matt Hartman at matthew.hartman@mass.gov .

Effective: Immediately

Attachment: 2026 MassHire Awards Nomination Packet