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To: Chief Elected Officials
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
WIOA Title I Administrators
MassHire Career Center Directors
WIOA Title I Fiscal Officers
MDCS Operations Managers
Adult Education Providers
Massachusetts Rehabilitation Offices and Providers
Massachusetts Commission for the Blind Offices and Providers
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Providers
Dept. of Transitional Assistance Offices and providers of SNAP and TANF services

From: Jennifer James, Undersecretary,
Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development
Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services
Richard Jeffers, Director
Department of Unemployment Assistance
Toni Wolf, Commissioner
Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
David D'Arcangelo, Commissioner
Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
Wyvonne Stevens-Carter, State Adult Education Director
Dept of Elementary and Secondary Ed, Adult and Community Learning Services
Olga Yulikova, Senior Community Service Employment Manager
Executive Office of Elder Affairs
Amy Kershaw, Commissioner
Department of Transitional Assistance

Date: January 24, 2020

Subject: WIOA State Plan Public Meetings

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce partners of the WIOA State Plan public meetings.

Background: As part of the State Plan development process, WIOA requires each state garner input on the State Plan's content, as well as provide opportunity for comment by WIOA stakeholders such as core partners, local workforce boards, chief elected officials, businesses, labor organizations and institutions of higher education. Massachusetts seeks to fulfill this requirement through a public review and comment process consisting of feedback through a web-based platform and public meetings. There will be seven public in-person meetings and one virtual session on the following dates/times/locations:

Berkshire Region

Date: February 3, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Berkshire Community College
1350 West St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Meeting Room: Café and Adjoining Rooms (Alcove, G9, G10 and G12)

Driving Directions: <https://www.berkshirecc.edu/about-bcc/map-directions-transportation/index.php>

Parking: Central Lot

Special Parking Accommodations: East Road Parking Lot

Southeast:

Date: February 4, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: UMASS Dartmouth
715 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

Meeting Room: Center for Visual and Performing Arts Building (CVPA) Star Store Campus

Driving Directions: <https://www.umassd.edu/cas/workers-education/locate-us/>

Parking: Zeiterion Garage located ½ block from the training building. Zeiterion Garage: 684 Purchase Street \$3.00/hour or \$18/day.

Special Parking Accommodations: Park on Purchase Street or in Zeiterion Parking Garage.

Central Region

Date: February 6, 2020

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: MassHire Worcester Career Center

340 Main Street, Suite 400

Worcester, MA 01608

Meeting Room: Coghlin Room

Driving Directions: <https://www.mass.gov/media/2090646/download>

Parking: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/worcester-career-center-parking/download>

Greater Boston Region

Date: February 7, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: MA Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education

75 Pleasant St, Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Room: Board Room 137ABC

Driving Directions: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/contact/doedirections.html>

Parking: Street (meter) parking- 2hrs at a time.

CBC Garage: 170 Centre St, Malden \$2.00hr/\$18 a day

Jackson Street Garage: 180 Exchange St, Malden

Pioneer Valley Region

Date: February 10, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Holyoke Community College – The Kittredge Center

303 Homestead Ave, Holyoke, MA 01040

Meeting Room: PeoplesBank Main Conference Room

Driving Directions: <https://www.hcc.edu/about/visit-hcc/getting-here>

Parking: Parking for The Kittredge Center is in Lot D only, or as directed by the HCC Campus Police. Please do not park in any other parking lot on campus, including Visitors Lot.

Special Parking Accommodations: Lot G and Lot E

Northeast Region

Date: February 12, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Northern Essex Community College

100 Elliott St, Haverhill, MA 01830

Meeting Room: Hartleb Technology Center #103B

Driving Directions: <https://www.necc.mass.edu/directions-maps/haverhill-campus/>

Parking: <https://www.necc.mass.edu/directions-maps/parking/>

Cape & Islands Region

Date: February 14, 2020

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: Cape Cod Community College
2240 Iyannough Rd, West Barnstable, MA 02668

Meeting Room: Lecture Hall (Science Building)

Driving Directions: <https://www.capecod.edu/about/directions/index.html>

Parking: Lots 7 and 8

Special Accommodations: Lot 4

WIOA State Plan Public Meeting Virtual Session

Friday, February 21, 2020

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

The WIOA State Plan Public Meeting Virtual Session will be available to participate in an in-person public meeting and will serve as a rescheduled date if an in-person public meeting is canceled due to inclement weather.

Registration to attend a WIOA State Plan Public Meeting is found [here](#):

All meetings are free and open to the public. **Registration is strongly encouraged** as seating capacity is limited. WIOA Partners should extend invitations through their networks; meetings are also advertised through social media and press advisories. Partner agencies that will present State Plan highlights and provide opportunity for comment and feedback include:

- Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD)
 - MassHire Department of Career Services (MDCS)
 - Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA)
- Adult Community and Learning Services (ACLS,
- Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)
- Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB)
- Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA)
- Executive Office of Elder Affairs/Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

Public information pertaining to the WIOA Massachusetts Combined State Plan will be posted on the WIOA State Plan website. Feedback and comments on the

WIOA State Plan generated online and from the public meetings will be documented and posted on the WIOA State Plan webpage.

In case of inclement weather or any cancellations, please call the MassHire Department of Career Services Meeting Message Line at 617-626-5250.

Inquiries: Please send all inquiries to StatePlanMDCS@Mass.gov