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WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT
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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Board Chairs
Workforce Board Directors
WIOA Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
WIOA Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS 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

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Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development
Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services
Richard Jeffers, Director
Department of Unemployment Assistance
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Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
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Olga Yulikova, Senior Community Service Employment Manager
Executive Office of Elder Affairs
Jeffrey McCue, Commissioner
Department of Transitional Assistance

Date: September 6, 2018

Subject: Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Program – Funding Opportunity

Purpose: To notify Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and Workforce Partners of a funding opportunity posted on COMMBUYS/Operational Services Division, offered through the Executive Office of Education, Skills Capital Grant Program ([*Bid Number: BD-19-1036-EDU02-30630*](#)) for the purchase and installation of equipment and related improvements to support vocational and technical training.

Background: The Skills Capital Grant Program will award grants for the purchase and installation of equipment and any related improvements and renovations necessary for installation and use of such equipment to support vocational and technical training. This equipment will upgrade and expand career technical education and training high-quality career pathway programs aligned to regional economic and workforce development priorities for in-demand industries.

Bid Number:	<u>BD-19-1036-EDU02-30630</u>
Total Funds Available:	\$3,000,000
Anticipated Awards:	\$50,000 - \$125,000*
Application Deadline:	October 1, 2018
Terms of Award:	Expenditures must be completed by June 30, 2019
Eligible Applicants:	CBOs and correctional organizations; Nonprofit education, training or other service providers; Voc Ed institutions and labor organizations; Regional Voc Schools or High Schools; Community Colleges; Corrections or organizations supporting those in re-entry; Industry or employer associations; Innovation Centers that are eligible to receive funds from the MA Life Sciences Center.

* Grants of above \$125,000 may be considered if they demonstrate extraordinary multi organization regional collaboration that significantly builds regional capacity and capabilities to meet workforce needs & economic development opportunities.

Action

Requested: Please share with managers, staff and partners as appropriate.

Attachment: A. MA Skills Capital Grant Program Guidelines